

Dated: February 26, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### International Whaling Commission; 59th Annual Meeting; Nominations

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a call for nominees for the U.S. Delegation to the May 2007 International Whaling Commission (IWC) annual meeting. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations. Generally, only one non-governmental position is selected for the U.S. Delegation.

**DATES:** The IWC is holding its 59th annual meeting from May 28-31, 2007, in Anchorage, Alaska. All written nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting must be received by March 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting should be addressed to Bill Hogarth, U.S. Commissioner to the IWC, and sent via post to: Cheri McCarty, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of International Affairs, 1315 East West Highway, SSMC3 Room 12603, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheri McCarty, 301-713-9090, ext. 183.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. IWC Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine

Mammal Commission, and by other agencies. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations. Generally, only one non-governmental position is selected for the U.S. Delegation.

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**William T. Hogarth,**

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Squid, Mackerel and Butterfish Committee and Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Congress Hall Hotel, 251 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204 (telephone: 609-884-8421).

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues to be addressed in Amendment 11 to the Atlantic, Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. The primary focus of Amendment 11 will be the development of a limited or controlled access program for the Atlantic mackerel fishery. Other issues identified during scoping which may be discussed include the types of qualifying criteria that the Council

should consider for a limited access program for the Atlantic mackerel fishery (including what levels of landings should be considered and what time period should be examined), whether and how the control date of July 5, 2002 should be utilized in establishing qualifying criteria, whether historical participants should be considered differently than newer more recent entrants in the fishery and if separate qualifying criteria should be developed for the directed and incidental catch fishery. Additional issues identified during scoping include the consideration of a trigger mechanism that would implement limited access in the mackerel fishery in the future, vessel upgrade provision, rules governing at sea processing and transfers at sea of Atlantic mackerel, and the degree to which overlap of limited access programs for Atlantic mackerel and herring should be considered. Technical issues which have arisen since scoping which may be discussed for inclusion in this amendment include possible revisions to the overfishing definition for Atlantic mackerel and the specification of allowable biological catch for the species.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Bryan at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office (302) 674-2331 extension 18 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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