

Library, Third and E Streets, Santa Rosa, California 95404-4400, (707) 545-0831; South San Francisco Public Library, 840 W. Orange Avenue, South San Francisco, California 94080-3124, (650) 829-3872; Tehama County Library, 645 Madison Street, Red Bluff, California 96080-3383, (530) 527-0607; Trinity County Free Library, 211 N. Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093-1226, (530) 623-1373; Ventura County Library Services, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009, (805) 662-6756; Central Library, 801 SW. 10th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205, (503) 248-5123; Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas 77002, (713) 247-2222; National Clearinghouse Library, 624 Ninth Street, NW, 600, Washington, D.C. 20425, (202) 376-8110; and New York Public Library, 455 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10016, (212) 340-0849.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

Michael J. Spear,

Manager, California Nevada Operation Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Sacramento, California.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011499C]

Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Public Hearings; Advisory Panel Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings and Advisory Panel meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold 26 public hearings to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public regarding proposed regulations to implement the draft Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP), and draft Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan (Billfish Amendment).

NMFS previously published Notices of Availability for the HMS FMP (63 FR 57093) and for the Billfish Amendment (63 FR 54433). NMFS extends the

comment period for the HMS FMP and reopens the comment period for the Billfish Amendment to coincide with the comment period on the forthcoming proposed rule.

To accommodate people unable to attend a hearing or wishing to provide additional comments, NMFS also solicits written comments on the proposed rule.

NMFS will hold consecutive meetings of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and Billfish Advisory Panels (APs), with a half-day joint meeting, to discuss comments and advise NMFS on the HMS FMP and Billfish Amendment, respectively.

DATES: The HMS AP meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. The Billfish AP meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26. A joint session of the HMS and Billfish APs will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations of the public hearings. Written comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before March 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The APs will meet at the NOAA Science Center, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Informational materials related to the AP meetings are available from Alicon Morgan, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the public hearing locations. Written comments on the proposed rule should be sent to Rebecca Lent, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries (F/SF1), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Clearly mark the outside of the envelope "FMP comments."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicon Morgan at 301-713-2347, or Sarah McLaughlin at 978-281-9146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed regulatory amendments, draft HMS FMP and draft Billfish Amendment that are the subject of the hearings are necessary to address requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, implement recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas as

required by the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, and consolidate existing regulations, organized by species, for the conservation and management of highly migratory species into one part of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), organized by theme, as part of the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative.

A complete description of the measures, and the purpose and need for the proposed actions, is contained in the proposed rule, to be published February 20, 1999 and is not repeated here. Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained by writing (see **ADDRESSES**) or calling one of the contact persons (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Dates, Times, and Locations of Public Hearings

The public hearing schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, February 3, 1999, Charleston, SC, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Department of Natural Resources
Marine Research Institute Auditorium
217 Fort Johnson Road
Charleston, SC 29412

Wednesday, February 3, 1999, St. Augustine, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Northeast Florida Marlin Association
Clubhouse
30 Harbor Drive
St. Augustine, FL 32095

Wednesday, February 3, 1999, Old San Juan, PR, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Club Nautico
482 Fernandez Juncos Avenue
Old San Juan, PR 00905

[Note: This public hearing will be conducted in English]

Thursday, February 4, 1999, Red Hook, St. Thomas, USVI, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

U.S.V.I. Game Fishing Club
6501 Red Hook Plaza, Suite 201
Red Hook, St. Thomas, USVI 00802

Friday, February 5, 1999, Brunswick, GA, 7-10 p.m.

Comfort Inn I-95
5308 New Jesup Highway
Brunswick, GA 31523

Monday, February 8, 1999, Miami, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel
495 Brickell Avenue
Miami, FL 33131

[Note: This public hearing will cover the Billfish Amendment only.]

Tuesday, February 9, 1999, Key West, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Beachside Resort and Convention Center

3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard
Key West, FL 33040
*Tuesday, February 9, 1999, Houma, LA,
6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Holiday Inn Holidome
210 S. Hollywood Road
Houma, LA 70360

Wednesday, February 10, 1999, New Orleans, LA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza
333 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Thursday, February 11, 1999, Port Aransas, TX, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

University of Texas at Austin
Marine Science Institute
750 Channel View Drive
Port Aransas, TX 78337

Monday, February 15, 1999, Fairhaven, MA, 7-10 p.m.

Seaport Inn
110 Middle Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Monday, February 15, 1999, Madeira Beach, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

City Hall
300 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Tuesday, February 16, 1999, Nags Head, NC, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Ramada Inn
1701 S. Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head, NC 27948

Tuesday, February 16, 1999, Panama City, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Panama City Laboratory
National Marine Fisheries Service
3500 Delwood Beach Road
Panama City, FL 32408

Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Fort Pierce, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Radisson Resort North Hutchinson Island
2600 North A1A
Fort Pierce, FL 34949

Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Norfolk, VA, 7-10 p.m.

Quality Inn Lake Wright Resort
6280 Northampton Boulevard
Norfolk, VA 23502

Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Orange Beach, AL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn
23092 Perdido Beach Boulevard
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Thursday, February 18, 1999, Montauk, NY, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Montauk Fire Department
12 Flamingo Avenue

Montauk, NY 11954

Thursday, February 18, 1999, Barnegat Light, NJ, 7-10 p.m.

Barnegat Light Firehouse
corner of West 10th Street and Central Avenue
Barnegat Light, NJ 08006

Friday, February 19, 1999, Freeport, NY, 7-10 p.m.

Freeport Recreational Center
130 East Merrick Road
Freeport, NY 11520

Friday, February 19, 1999, Toms River, NJ, 7-10 p.m.

Quality Inn
290 State Highway 37 East
Toms River, NJ 08753

Wednesday, February 24, 1999, Silver Spring, MD, 7-10 p.m. NOAA Science Center

1301 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Tuesday, March 2, 1999, Gloucester, MA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Sawyer Free Library
2 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930

Wednesday, March 3, 1999, West Bath, ME, 7-10 p.m.

New Meadows Inn
360 Bath Road
West Bath, ME 04530

Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Ocean City, MD, 7-10 p.m.

City Hall
Third Street and Baltimore Avenue
Ocean City, MD 21842

Thursday, March 4, 1999, Rockport, ME, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Maine Fishermen's Forum

Samoset Resort
220 Warrenton Street
Rockport, ME 04856

Special Accomodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rebecca Lent (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Gary C. Matlock,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in February, 1999 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between February 4 and February 9, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA, Warwick, RI, and New London, CT. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, February 4, 1999, 9:30 a.m.—Joint meeting of the Habitat Oversight Committee and Advisors
Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Rt. 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960, telephone: (978) 535-4600; fax: (978) 535-8238

The Habitat Committee and their Advisors will discuss the approach and content of the Habitat Annual Review Report. Council staff will provide an update on the status of the essential fish habitat amendment submission.

Monday, February 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Scallop Advisory Panel meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000

Recommendations for management options for opening groundfish closed areas to fishing for scallops. The Scallop Plan Development Team will