

in accordance with Title IV of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1421 *et seq.*).

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 104(c)(3)(A) of the MMPA and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 216.33(e)(6), NMFS has issued this permit amendment without making the application available for a 30-day public comment period. Specifically, these provisions allow NMFS to waive the comment period in a situation where the health and life of an ESA-listed marine mammal is threatened and no reasonable alternative is available. Whereas the MMPA provides authorization for federal, state, and local government officials to take marine mammals in a humane manner if such taking is for the protection or welfare of the mammal, there are no comparable provisions under the ESA. Without this permit amendment, there would be no permit allowing for proper response to imperiled ESA-listed marine mammals. NMFS therefore determined that there was a compelling reason for waiving the 30-day public review and comment period on the application.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 427-2521;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018;

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 973-2935; fax (808) 973-2941;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5517.

Dated: June 29, 2005.

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*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, 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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee, Scup Monitoring Committee, Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee, and Bluefish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Philadelphia Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113; telephone: 1-610-521-5900.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to recommend the 2006 commercial management measures, commercial quotas, and recreational harvest limits for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet to recommend commercial management measures, recreational management measures, and a commercial quota for bluefish for 2006.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Collins (302) 674-2331 ext: 10 at the Council Office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 29, 2005.

**Emily Menashes,**

*Acting 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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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeastern Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Steering Committee Meeting.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR process, assessment scheduling, and management coordination.

**DATES:** The SEDAR Steering Committee meeting will be held on August 2 and August 3, 2005. The Committee will meet from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 2, 2005 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 3, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet at the Southeast Regional Office (SERO), 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33702; telephone: (305) 824-5301.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carmichael, SEDAR Coordinator, SEDAR/SAFMC, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 571-4366, (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; *email:* John.Carmichael@safmc.net.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils in