

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee, Scup Monitoring Committee, Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee, and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Council's and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisors will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 beginning at 10 a.m. with the Monitoring Committees. The Advisory Panels will begin meeting at 2 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting agenda.

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

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of these meetings is to recommend the 2008 recreational management measures for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at the Council Office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 24, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Vessel Monitoring Systems; Approval of Mobile Transceiver Unit

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice of the type-approval of the Faria WatchDog 750VMS for use in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument.

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain copies of the list of NOAA-approved Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Mobile Transceiver Unit and VMS Mobile Communications Service Providers, or to obtain information regarding the status of VMS systems being evaluated by NOAA, write to the VMS Support Center, NOAA Fisheries Service, Office for Law Enforcement (OLE), 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 415, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or call toll free 888-219-9228.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions regarding the status of VMS evaluations contact Jonathan Pinkerton, National VMS Program Manager by phone: 301-427-2300 or by fax: 301-427-2055.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WatchDog 750VMS manufactured and sold by Faria WatchDog, Inc. has satisfied the requirements for type-approval for use in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument.

#### Faria WatchDog 750VMS

The transceiver consists of an integrated dual mode GPS/GSM/GPRS/Iridium Satellite Communicator mounted in the wheelhouse or on a console and antennas mounted atop the vessel. The MTU also includes a 7 inch color touch screen display that enables vessel operators to send and receive e-mail and electronic forms. The unit is pre-configured and tested for NOAA Fisheries Service VMS operations. Authorized dealers who are listed at <http://www.vmstracking.com> provide satellite commissioning services.

Automatic GPS position reporting starts after transceiver installation and power activation onboard the vessel. The unit is a car radio sized transceiver powered by any 9 to 16 VDC power supply. The unit can be factory configured for automatic reduced position transmissions when the vessel is stationary (i.e., in port) which allows for port stays in a reduced power state and without the need for unit shut down. The unit restarts normal position transmission automatically when the vessel goes to sea.

The unit has an omni-directional Iridium, GPS, and GSM/GPRS antennas, providing operation from 5 degrees above or below the horizon anywhere on earth. The GSM/GPRS capability gives the system the additional ability to communicate through the AT&T wireless network where available. Iridium only units are permitted for use in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument.

A configuration option is available to automatically send daily status reports to a private e-mail address. A 2 inch user interface is included with this system that displays if the MTU is operating properly and can send emergency notification messages to up to four e-mail addresses and/or telephone numbers. A complete list of options is available from the VMS provider.

A vessel owner may purchase the Faria Watchdog 750VMS and the Iridium/GSM communications service by contacting a Faria Watchdog Inc., authorized reseller. Reseller information can be found on the internet at [www.vmstracking.com](http://www.vmstracking.com). Alternatively vessel owners may contact, Faria WatchDog Inc., 385 Norwich-New London Turnpike, Uncasville, CT 06382, 1-877-888-5569, 860 848 2704 fax, [information@fariawatchdog.com](mailto:information@fariawatchdog.com) e-mail. The owner should identify himself or herself as a vessel owner and identify which VMS required fishery they wish to participate in.

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