

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401 or [Amy.Sloan@noaa.gov](mailto:Amy.Sloan@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*; MMPA), Fur Seal Act (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*; FSA), and Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA) prohibit certain activities affecting marine mammals and endangered and threatened species, with exceptions. Pursuant to section 104 of the MMPA and Section 10 of the ESA, special exception permits can be obtained for scientific research and enhancing the survival or recovery of a species or stock of marine mammals or threatened or endangered species. Section 104 of the MMPA also includes permits for commercial and educational photography of marine mammals; import and capture of marine mammals for public display; and, Letters of Confirmation under the General Authorization for scientific research that involves minimal disturbance to marine mammals. The regulations implementing permits and reporting requirements under the MMPA and FSA are at 50 CFR part 216; the regulations for permit requirements under the ESA are at 50 CFR part 222. The required information in this collection is used to evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on protected species; to make the determinations required by the MMPA, ESA and their implementing regulations prior to issuing a permit; and to establish appropriate permit conditions. Inventory reporting pertaining to marine mammals in public display facilities is required by the MMPA.

This information collection applies to protected species for which NMFS is responsible, including the marine mammal species of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises), pinnipeds (seals and sea lions), sea turtles (in water), white abalone, black abalone, smalltooth sawfish, largetooth sawfish (imports only), shortnose sturgeon, and Atlantic sturgeon. The information

collection may be used for proposed listed species (*e.g.*, corals).

The currently approved application and reporting requirements are being revised to include submission of Letters of Intent under the General Authorization via the existing online application system, Authorizations and Permits for Protected Species (APPS). Respondents can currently only apply for scientific research and enhancement permits using APPS. This revision also includes adding Atlantic sturgeon and largetooth sawfish. NMFS listed Atlantic sturgeon as endangered or threatened under the ESA on April 6, 2012 (77 FR 5914 and 77 FR 5580). Largetooth sawfish, which live outside of U.S. waters, were listed as endangered on August 11, 2011 (76 FR 40822). ESA Section 10 permits are required for taking or importing these ESA-listed species for scientific research or enhancement purposes.

A number of coral species have been proposed to be listed or reclassified under the ESA by NMFS (77 FR 73220). If such listings take effect, the scientific research and enhancement application instructions may be revised to clarify information pertaining to taking ESA-listed coral species. However, revisions pertaining to corals would not occur until and if a final listing rule was published.

**II. Method of Collection**

Permit applications, permit reports, and inventory reports are available in paper or electronic versions (online or via email). Respondents may submit all applications and forms by email, mail, or facsimile. Respondents may also submit scientific research and enhancement permit applications via an online application system, APPS.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0084.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (revision and extension of a currently approved collection).

*Affected Public:* Non-profit institutions; universities; Federal, State, local, or tribal governments; and business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 536.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Scientific research permit applications, 50 hours; public display permit applications, 30 hours; photography permit applications, 10 hours; General Authorization applications, 10 hours; major permit modification requests, 35 hours; minor permit modification requests, 3 hours; scientific research

permit reports, 12 hours; public display permit reports, 2 hours; photography permit reports, 2 hours; General Authorization reports, 8 hours; public display inventory reporting, 2 hours; and recordkeeping, 2 hours per permit or authorization type (including permits for scientific research, public display, photography, General Authorization; and retention or transfer of rehabilitated animals).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 7,730.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$2,000 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 14, 2013.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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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 (Council) Highly Migratory Species Committee (HMS) will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 4, 2013 beginning at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar with a listening station at the Council office. Webinar access details will be posted at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to review and develop comments from the Council on Amendment 5 to the 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan. The proposed measures include changes to commercial quotas and species groups, the creation of several time/area closures, a change to an existing time/area closure, an increase in the recreational minimum size restrictions, and the establishment of recreational reporting for certain species of sharks. A summary of the measures is available at: [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/newslist/2012/11-15-12\\_a5\\_proposed\\_rule\\_listserv.pdf](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/newslist/2012/11-15-12_a5_proposed_rule_listserv.pdf). The measures are being considered by the National Marine Fisheries Service (not by the Council) but because of potential impacts to constituents in the Mid-Atlantic area, the Council is considering submitting comments on the proposed measures. The public may also submit comments directly at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2012-0161-0013> until February 12, 2013.

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 listed 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 Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic

Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 15, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy 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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##### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council)—Public Meetings; Correction

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

**ACTION:** Correction to the notice of public hearing and scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This document corrects an error made to the email address for written comments pertaining to the Scoping Process for Amendment 5 to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. The original document published in the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2013, and all other information remains unchanged and will not be repeated in this document.

**DATES:** Written comments may also be directed to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, SAFMC (see Council address). Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 4, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** *Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; Fax 843/769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of January 15, 2013, in FR Doc. 2013-00601, on page 2955, in the first column, item 3 is corrected to read as follows:

3. Written comments may be directed to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, SAFMC (see Council address) or via email to: [DWAmend5Comments@safmc.net](mailto:DWAmend5Comments@safmc.net). Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 4, 2013.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 15, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy 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; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Meetings of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Information & Education Advisory Panel (AP); Law Enforcement AP; Joint Meeting of the Information & Education AP and Law Enforcement AP; and meeting of the Marine Protected Area (MPA) Expert Workgroup.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold the AP meetings and the MPA Expert Workgroup meeting in North Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held from 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2013 until 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2013. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 4381 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (800) 503-5762 or (843) 744-4422; fax: (843) 744-4472.

*Council Address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; FAX 843/769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

#### MPA Expert Workgroup Agenda:

**Monday, February 4, 2013, 1:30 p.m. until Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 12 p.m.**

1. Receive a presentation on the reorientation of existing MPAs based on occurrence and habitat.