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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041003A]

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) from May 13 through 15, 2003.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

May 13, 2003, 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

May 14, 2003, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

May 15, 2003, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at Paradise Point Resort, 1404 Vacation Road, San Diego, CA. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Constituent Services, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel Bryant, Designated Federal Official; telephone: (301) 713-9501 ext. 171.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1972, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of the Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and of environmental, state, consumer, academic, tribal, and other national interests.

Matters to Be Considered

May 13, 2003

Overview and updates on the status of various management initiatives and issues including regulatory streamlining

initiative, and results of the five year review of implementing the 1996 Sustainable Fisheries Act amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, annual Status of Stocks report and national standard 1 guidelines.

May 14, 2003

Update on national bycatch strategy and discussion of various science and technology management issues and initiatives. MAFAC will then review a final draft of the MAFAC Ecosystem Task Force report for final submission to the National Marine Fisheries Service, and discuss the status of essential fish habitat in the fisheries management process.

May 15, 2003

Committee will make final reports to NOAA Fisheries, discuss next meeting agenda, locations and dates for 2004, and adjourn.

Time will be set aside for public comment on agenda items.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

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John Oliver,

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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 Trawl Survey Advisory Committee, composed of representatives from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), the MAFMC, the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), and several independent scientific researchers, will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 5th, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

and Tuesday, May 6th, from 8 a.m. until noon.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Meadowlands, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ; telephone: 201-348-6900.

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 prioritize goals and objectives in order to provide important advice and feedback to the NEFSC on its trawl surveys.

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 Joanna Davis at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Committee will hold a public meeting.