

program will characterize the environmental quality and the occurrence and abundance of living resources. Monitoring is designed to determine baseline status and trends in habitat quality and the health of important resource species.

Copies of the document can be obtained from the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Department of Environmental Management, 55 South Reserve Drive, Prudence, Rhode Island 02872. (401) 683-6780.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris Grimm, OCRM, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor (N/ORM5), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 713-3132, Extension 107.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420 (Coastal Zone Management) Research Reserves.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111799A]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and its Comprehensive Management Committee, Habitat Committee, Dogfish Committee, Information and Education Committee, Executive Committee, and its Demersal Species Committee, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of committee meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD; telephone 1-800-523-2888.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 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, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items for this meeting are: Use of observers in small mesh fisheries; review status of small mesh gear research efforts; review with advisors NMFS's Proposed Final Rule for essential fish habitat (EFH); develop committee recommendations regarding the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Proposed Final Rule for EFH; develop committee recommendations for dogfish regarding 2000 and 2001 management measures, i.e. quotas, trip limits, size limits; review New England Council's action regarding NMFS's disapproval of Dogfish Fishery Management Plan's  $B_{msy}$  target; review Council policy regarding quarterly newsletter, brochures, white papers and regulatory information sheets; participate in NMFS review of its actions regarding implementing regulations for the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan; address Council policy regarding use and role of industry advisors; review FY1999 budget; approve FY2000 grant application package; review and discuss Monitoring Committee recommendations for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass; develop and approve management measures for 2000 recreational specifications for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass.

#### Dates and Times of Committee Meetings

On Tuesday, December 7, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Habitat Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Dogfish Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Information and Education Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Council will meet from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to decide on dogfish management measures for 2000-2001. On Wednesday, December 8, the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Demersal Species Committee will meet as a Council Committee of the Whole, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Management Board, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 9, Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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

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 least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 17, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111599A]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Meetings AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory bodies will meet in Anchorage, Alaska the week of December 6, 1999. The Scientific Committee will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, and continue through Wednesday, December 8. The Advisory Panel will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, and continue through December 9. The Council will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, and continue through Monday, December 13. All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions which may be held during the week to discuss litigation and/or personnel matters.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Council**

The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

*Reports*

Executive Director's Report  
State Fisheries Report by Alaska  
Department of Fish and Game  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Management Report  
Enforcement and Surveillance Reports

*American Fisheries Act*

Review co-op performance reports and agreements.  
Comment on proposed rule for 2000, particularly with regard to vessel exemptions.

Update analysis of excessive shares/processing sideboards.

*Essential Fish Habitat*

Comment on interim final rule.

*Halibut Charter Guideline Harvest Level*

Initial review of alternatives and analysis.

*Steller sea lions*

Status report on litigation.  
Comment on proposed rule for 2000.  
Discuss adaptive management strategies and results of evening workshop.

*Pacific Cod License Limitation Program Endorsements*

Discussion paper on grandfather provisions and progress on analysis.

*Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)*

Status report and comment on notice of intent.

*Halibut Subsistence*

Review alternatives and analysis and give direction to staff.

*Alaska Board of Fisheries*

Receive summary of October work session and review Board of Fisheries proposals of mutual concern.

*Groundfish Specifications for 2000*

Approve final Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Groundfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report.

Approve final 2000 BSAI groundfish and prohibited species apportionments.  
Approve final Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report.

Approve final 2000 GOA groundfish and prohibited species apportionments.

Approve assumed halibut discard mortality rates.

**Advisory Meetings**

*Advisory Panel*

With the exception of the reports listed above, the agenda for the Advisory Panel will mirror that of the Council listed above.

*Scientific and Statistical Committee*

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will address the following items:

Groundfish SAFEs and specifications for 2000 for BSAI and GOA groundfish.

Initial review of alternatives and the analysis for the halibut charter harvest guideline level.

Progress on the Groundfish SEIS.

Comment on the interim final rule for essential fish habitat.

Other committees and workgroups may hold impromptu meetings throughout the meeting week. Such meetings will be announced during regularly-scheduled meetings of the Council, Advisory Panel, and SSC, and will be posted at the hotel.

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**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Helen Allen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 17, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Form Number, and OMB Number:* Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services; DD Forms 2088 and 2741; OMB Number 0704-0190.

*Type of Request:* Revision.  
*Number of Respondents:* 797.  
*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.  
*Annual Responses:* 797.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 46 minutes (average).

*Annual Burden Hours:* 614.  
*Needs And Uses:* The Department is required to ensure that religious organizations seeking to endorse chaplains are eligible and that applicants qualified for the military chaplain services are endorsed by those religious organizations. This information collection will provide basis information about the religious organization seeking to supply chaplains and ensure that those organizations are authorized by their membership to act as the sole agency for the purpose of certifying and endorsing clergy to serve as military chaplains. Two forms are associated with this program to collect the necessary information. The DD Form 2741, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification Information," requests basic demographic information about the religious denominations seeking to supply chaplains. It request the name of an official authorized to represent the organization to the Military Services, and it requires the organization to certify that it is authorized by its membership to act as the sole agency for the purpose of certifying and endorsing clergy to serve as military chaplains. The DD Form 2088, "Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement," is used by religious denominations to certify that a member of their clergy is professionally qualified to become a chaplain. It request information about name, address, professional experience, and previous military experience to be used in determining grade, date of rank, and eligibility for promotion for appointees to the chaplain services.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-Profit Institutions.