

Oregon/northern California coasts, and (3) central California coast. In addition, NMFS has determined that two coho salmon ESUs warrant designation as candidates for listing due to uncertainty regarding their distribution and status. The two coho salmon ESUs proposed for candidate status include: (1) Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia, and (2) lower Columbia River/southwest Washington coast. NMFS has determined that the remaining coho salmon ESU, northwest Olympic Peninsula, WA, is presently neither threatened nor endangered. The ESA implementing regulations state that the Secretary of Commerce "shall promptly hold at least one public hearing if any person so requests within 45 days of publication of a proposed regulation to list * * * a species" (50 CFR 424.16 (c)(3)).

The public will have the opportunity to provide oral and written testimony at the public hearings. Written comments on the proposed rule may also be submitted to Garth Griffin (see **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**).

The hearings are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. as follows:

1. Wednesday, October 11, 1995—Hatfield Marine Science Center—Meeting Room 9, 2030 Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR
2. Thursday, October 12, 1995—Gold Beach City Hall—City Council Chambers, 510 South Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, OR
3. Monday, October 16, 1995—Northwest Fisheries Science Center—Auditorium, 2725 Montlake Boulevard, East Seattle, WA
4. Tuesday, October 17, 1995—Bonneville Power Administration—Complex Auditorium, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR
5. Tuesday, October 17, 1995—Red Lion Hotel—One Red Lion Drive, Rohnert Park, CA
6. Wednesday, October 18, 1995—Evergreen State College—Lecture Hall 5, 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, Olympia, WA
7. Wednesday, October 18, 1995—Eureka Inn—518 7th St., Eureka, CA

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

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Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold public hearings to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public regarding proposed regulations on the harvest and possession of striped bass in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Atlantic Ocean from Maine through North Carolina.

To accommodate people unable to attend a hearing or wishing to provide additional comments, NMFS also solicits written comments on the proposed rule.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before October 27, 1995. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

1. October 12, 1995, 7 to 9 p.m., Manteo, NC
2. October 16, 1995, 7 to 9 p.m., Toms River, NJ

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to William Hogarth, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management (F/CM), NMFS, 1315 East-West

Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Clearly mark the outside of the envelope "Atlantic Striped Bass Comments."

The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. Manteo—North Carolina Aquarium, Roanoke Island, Manteo, NC 27954
2. Toms River—Ocean County Administration Building, 101 Hooper Ave., Room 119, Toms River, NJ 08754

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Hogarth at 301-713-2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed regulations are necessary to complement the rules already implemented by Atlantic coastal states through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (Commission) Striped Bass Management Plan. The proposed regulations are based on the fact that the Commission has declared the stocks of striped bass with the exception of Roanoke/Albemarle Sound and Delaware River stocks, recovered and has increased the allowable harvest.

A complete description of the measures, and the purpose and need for the proposed action, is contained in the proposed rule published September 27, 1995 and is not repeated here. Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained by writing (see **ADDRESSES**) or calling the contact person (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

The purpose of this document is to alert the interested public of the hearings and provide for public participation. The hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to William Hogarth by October 6, 1995 (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1851 note.

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