

stock has been restored to a level above the overfishing threshold. If the stock has been restored, the Panel will develop an estimate of the range of acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the stock. The Council will review the Panel's report at its September meeting and may specify a total allowable catch (TAC) within the range of ABC for the fishery. Implementation of a TAC will, however, require an amendment to the fishery management plan for red drum. The amendment action would require approximately 9 months for implementation.

The red drum stock was classified as overfished in 1986 and harvest and possession of red drum in Federal waters was prohibited in 1987. Most actions to restore the stock have been taken by the individual Gulf states.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by July 22, 1996.

Dated: July 2, 1996.
Richard W. Surdi,
Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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's Bluefish Advisory Panel (together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Advisory Panel) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 24, 1996, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI; telephone: (401) 732-6000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of technical/assessment report, Amendment #1 overfishing definition, and Amendment #1 management measures.

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 Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 2, 1996.
Richard W. Surdi,
Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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Pacific Halibut Fisheries; 1996 Halibut Landing Report No. 4

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

ACTION: Inseason action.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), publishes these inseason actions pursuant to IPHC regulations approved by the U.S. Government to govern the Pacific halibut fishery. These actions are intended to enhance the conservation of the Pacific halibut stock.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Pennoyer, 907-586-7221; William W. Stelle, Jr., 206-526-6140; or Donald McCaughran, 206-634-1838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IPHC, under the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953), as amended by a Protocol Amending the Convention (signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979), has issued this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations governing the Pacific halibut fishery. The regulations have been approved by NMFS (60 FR 14651, March 20, 1995, and amended at 61 FR 11337, March 20, 1996). On behalf of the IPHC, this inseason action is published in the Federal Register to provide additional notice of its effectiveness, and to inform

persons subject to the inseason action of the restrictions and requirements established therein.

Inseason Action

1996 Halibut Landing Report No. 4

Area 2B Commercial Fishery Update

Halibut landings from Area 2B total 4.45 million pounds (2,018.50 metric tons (mt)) through June 17, leaving 5.07 million pounds (2,299.73 mt) of the catch limit to be caught. The fishery will continue until all Individual Vessel Quotas (IFQ) have been filled, or November 15, whichever is earlier. Annette Island Reserve Fishery in Area 2C.

The Metlakatla Indian community has been authorized by the U.S. Government to conduct a commercial halibut fishery within the Annette Island Reserve. Four 48-hour fishing periods occurred between April 27 and June 10, producing a total catch of 21,400 pounds (9.70 mt).

Alaskan Commercial Fishery Update

It is estimated that the following catches and number of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ and Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries through June 12, 1996.

Area	Catch limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of landings
2C	9,000	4,803	1,334
3A	20,000	8,196	1,139
3B	3,700	806	131
4A	1,950	268	40
4B	2,310	314	16
4C	770	1	2
4D	770	157	7
4E	20	34	45
Total	38,620	14,579	2,714

During the same time period in 1995, March 15 through June 9, 8.0 million pounds (3,628.77 mt) were landed in the Alaskan IFQ and CDQ fisheries.

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permits (P607 and P614)

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