

report, and 10 minutes to provide the additional copies required.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,550 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: None (no capital expenditures required).

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: July 28, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072498]

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 Executive Committee and Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, August 17, 1998, to Thursday, August 20, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Independence Mall, 4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA, telephone: 215-923-8660.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, August 17, the Council will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, August 18, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, August 19, the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m., the Council will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. On Thursday, August 20, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. In the event Council business will not be concluded by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Council may continue meeting for several hours on Friday morning, August 21, 1998.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman; review and hearing adoption of Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; Stock Assessment Workshop; adoption of commercial and recreational management measures for bluefish for 1999; possible discussion of Amendment 1 to the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP); adoption of commercial quota, recreational harvest limit, and commercial management measures for black sea bass, summer flounder, and scup for 1999; review and hearing adoption of Amendment 12 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP, Amendment 12 to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog FMP, and Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP; adoption of the 1999 quota and commercial management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs; possible review and comment on whiting, New England groundfish, herring, lobster and scallop management measures; discussion of management measures and possible adoption of the Monkfish FMP for Secretarial submission; adoption of the 1999 quotas and commercial management measures for Atlantic mackerel, *Loligo* and *Illex* squid, and butterfish; possible adoption of the Consistency Amendment for submission to the Secretary; and committee reports and other fishery management matters.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act,

those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

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 28, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072498C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a research/enhancement permit (1174); issuance of a modification to a scientific research permit (1015).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received a permit application from: Mr. Harold Brundage III, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc (ERCI)(1174); NMFS has issued a modification to a permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to: Dr. Frank A. Chapman, of Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (DFAS)(1015).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the application must be received on or before September 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the permit application should be sent to: Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

All documents pertaining to permits in this notice are available for review,