

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, RSPA announces the dates for its advisory committee meetings to negotiate recommendations for alternative safety standards for preventing and mitigating unintentional releases of hazardous materials during the unloading of cargo tank motor vehicles in liquefied compressed gas service. The Committee will meet on the dates listed below. The public is invited to attend; an opportunity for members of the public to make oral presentations will be provided if time permits.

DATES: Meetings of the advisory committee will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Committee is scheduled to meet on the following dates:

Wednesday and Thursday, September 9–10, 1998

Wednesday and Thursday, October 7–8, 1998

Wednesday and Thursday, November 4–5, 1998

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1–2, 1998

Wednesday and Thursday, January 6–7, 1999

The September 9–10 meeting will be held in the Captains Room, Pier 7—Channel Inn, 650 Water Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., (202) 554–2500. The October 7–8 and November 4–5 meetings will take place at the Department of Transportation, Room 2230, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. Location of the December and January meetings will be announced in a later notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Karim or Susan Gorsky, (202) 366–8553, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation. *Facilitator:* Philip J. Harter, The Mediation Consortium, (202) 887–1033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee has been established to develop recommendations for alternative safety standards for preventing and mitigating unintentional releases of hazardous materials during the unloading of cargo tank motor vehicles (CTMVs) in liquefied compressed gas service. Meeting summaries and other relevant materials will be placed in the public

docket and can be accessed through (<http://www.dms.dot.gov>). Persons wishing to submit written comments should identify the docket number and submit one copy to the Dockets Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. The Dockets Management System is located on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the U.S. Department of Transportation at the above address. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their written comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to the following address: "rules@rspa.dot.gov". Public dockets may be reviewed there between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 630

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Atlantic Swordfish Fishery; Reopening of Comment Period and Hearing Announcement

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

ACTION: Reopening of comment period and hearing announcement.

SUMMARY: NMFS reopens the public comment period on a proposed rule to establish annual quotas for the South Atlantic swordfish fishery and to change quota adjustment procedures. Also, NMFS announces three hearings.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 1, 1998. Hearings will be held on August 26, 1998, in Warwick, RI; August 28, 1998, in Fairhaven, MA; and September 1, 1998, in St. Croix, USVI.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to, and the proposed rule and draft Environmental Assessment are available from, Jill Stevenson, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Hearings will be held at the following locations: August 26, 1998, 6:30–9:30 p.m. at the Radisson Airport Hotel Providence, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI; for directions only, (401) 739–3000; August 28, 1998, 7–10 p.m. at the Seaport Inn, Fairhaven, MA, for directions only (800) 835–7678; September 1, 1998, 7–9 p.m. at the Hotel on the Cay, Protestant Cay, St. Croix, USVI, for directions only, (340) 773–2035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Stevenson or Steve Meyers, telephone: (301) 713–2347, fax: (301) 713–1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic swordfish fishery is managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). On June 10, 1998, NMFS published a proposed rule (63 FR 31710) to establish annual quotas for the South Atlantic swordfish fishery. The notice also contained proposed measures to change the quota adjustment procedures for the North and South Atlantic swordfish fisheries. Initial comments in response to that notice included requests to extend the comment period on these measures due to the far-ranging nature of the swordfish fishing fleet and the need to schedule public hearings on these issues. Therefore, NMFS reopens the public comment period through September 1, 1998.

Dated: August 14, 1998.

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

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