

*Revision:* In Fiscal Year 2015, MBDA has developed a new client intake and customer transaction forms for use in the business center program. The new forms include a statement regarding MBDA's intended use by MBDA and transfer of the information collected to other federal agencies for the purpose of conducting research and studies on minority businesses.

The following new information will be provided on the MBDA Client Engagement Form: *By submitting this form, your company agrees to allow the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) in Washington, D.C. to share this document, information contained therein, and any supplementary material provided by your company (collectively "Client Engagement Form") on an as needed basis, with other United States Government agencies to carry out appropriate due diligence and more effectively advocate for your interests. The Client Engagement Form also may be used by MBDA and MBDA Business Centers for the purposes of conducting research, studies, and analysis consistent with the MBDA mission as stated in Executive Order 11625. The Client Engagement Form is considered business confidential and will not be shared with any other person or organization outside the U.S. Government unless the MBDA Headquarters is given permission to do so by your company. All business confidential information will be protected from disclosure to the extent permitted by law.*

The following new information will be provided on the Client Transaction Form: *By submitting this form, your company agrees to allow the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) in Washington, D.C. to share this document, information contained therein, and any supplementary material provided by your company (collectively "Verification Form") on an as needed basis, with other United States Government agencies to carry out appropriate due diligence and more effectively advocate for your interests. The Verification Form also may be used by MBDA and MBDA Business Centers for the purposes of conducting research, studies, and analysis consistent with the MBDA mission as stated in Executive Order 11625. The Verification Form is considered business confidential and will not be shared with any other person or organization outside the U.S. Government unless the MBDA Headquarters is given permission to do so by your company. All business confidential information will be protected from disclosure to the extent permitted by law.*

## II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected manually and electronically.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0640-0002.

*Form Number(s):* 0640-002.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (revision and extension of currently approved information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,633.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 minute to 210 minutes, depending upon function.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,516.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* 0.

## 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: August 26, 2015.

**Glenna Mickelson,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE150**

### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold eight scoping hearings in September and October 2015 to solicit public input on a management action to prohibit the development of new, or expansion of existing directed fisheries on unmanaged forage species until adequate scientific information is available to promote ecosystem sustainability. The Council is also soliciting written comments through 11:59 p.m. on Friday October 2, 2015. The Council has not yet determined which type of action it will develop. The action could take the form of a new fishery management plan, an amendment to an existing fishery management plan, or another action.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held over several weeks between September 15, 2015 and October 1, 2015 as described below in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Council will hold eight scoping meetings. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates, times, and locations.

*Addresses for written comments:* Written comments may be sent through mail, email, or fax through 11:59 p.m. on Friday October 2, 2015. Comments may be mailed to: Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901. Comments may be faxed to: Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at fax: (302) 674-5399. Comments may be emailed to Julia Beaty, Assistant Fishery Plan Coordinator, at [jbeaty@mafmc.org](mailto:jbeaty@mafmc.org). If sending comments through the mail, please write "unmanaged forage scoping comments" on the outside of the envelope. If sending comments through email or fax, please write "unmanaged forage scoping comments" in the subject line.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; Web site: [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255. More information, including background materials and information on meeting locations will be posted at [www.mafmc.org/actions/unmanaged-forage](http://www.mafmc.org/actions/unmanaged-forage).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The dates, times and locations of the scoping meetings are as follows:

1. Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., North Carolina Department of Marine Fisheries, Washington Regional Office Hearing Room, 943 Washington Square Mall, Highway 17, Washington, NC 27889; telephone: (252) 946–6481.
  2. Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 4th Floor Meeting Room, 2600 Washington Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607; telephone: (757) 247–2200.
  3. Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Congress Hall Hotel, 200 Congress Place, Cape May, NJ 08294; telephone: (844) 264–5030.
  4. Monday September 21, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Kingsborough Community College, Building T–3, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11235; telephone: (718) 368–5000.
  5. Monday, September 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., University of Rhode Island, Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882; telephone: (401) 874–6222.
  6. Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Marine Resources, Hearing Room, 205 North Bell Mead Road, Suite 1, East Setauket, NY 11733; telephone: (631) 444–0430.
  7. Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch, Meeting Room, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, MD 21811; telephone: (410) 208–4014.
  8. Thursday, October 1, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Webinar. Information on how to connect to the webinar will be available on the events page of the Council Web site: [www.mafmc.org/council-events/](http://www.mafmc.org/council-events/). There will be an audio only option which will require a phone connection.
- The goal of this action is to proactively protect the ecosystem role of unmanaged forage species. In this context, “unmanaged” refers to species not currently managed by the Mid-Atlantic, New England, or South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Council has not yet determined which type of action it will develop. The action could take the form of a new fishery management plan, an amendment to an existing fishery management plan, or another action.
- Scoping is the process of identifying issues, potential impacts, and a reasonable range of alternatives associated with a management action.

Scoping provides the first and best opportunity for the public to make suggestions and raise concerns about new Council actions. Public comments early in the development of this action will help the Council identify effective management alternatives and issues of concern.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 26, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XE148**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567–6789; fax: (617) 561–0798.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Agenda

The Advisors will review preliminary 2015 scallop survey results and discuss

initial recommendations from the Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT) for FY 2016 and FY 2017 (default) fishery specifications (Framework 27). The Advisors will also provide input on potential Council work priorities for 2016 related to the scallop fishery management plan, and potentially identify recommendations for prioritizing the various potential work items. Staff will review from [draft analyses prepared for Amendment 19,] an action to address timing issues for fishery specifications, and advisors will identify preferred alternative recommendations. Staff will review progress on planning of a future workshop to discuss issues about potential inshore depletion. Finally, staff will review preliminary input from the PDT based on a Council motion to evaluate how to potentially improve information collected by observers on discard mortality and highgrading. Other business may be discussed.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 26, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XE136**

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s (MAFMC) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16–17, 2015, from 9 a.m. on September 16 and conclude by 2 p.m. on September 17. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**