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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species Act; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** We, NMFS, announce a public meeting of a review of our recovery program under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The purpose of the review is to ensure that recovery program priorities and implementation are aligned with resources and mission mandates; enhance and align strategic management of NMFS regulatory programs; and provide transparency in the operation of NMFS recovery program.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday April 19, 2016, through Thursday April 21, 2016, at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NOAA Science Center, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: 301-713-1010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Therese Conant, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, 301-427-8456.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the ESA, section 4(f) requires the Secretary to develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of endangered and threatened species. Those recovery plans must include objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would lead to a determination that the species be removed from the list, site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goal for the conservation of the species, and estimates of the time and costs to carry out the measures identified in the plan.

We currently have final recovery plans for 47 species and draft recovery plans for five species. Recovery plans are not started or are under development for 39 species. The objective of the recovery program review is to determine if the current recovery planning process results in

recovery plans that are effective roadmaps for recovering the species as evidenced by whether the plans are being implemented by NMFS and stakeholders, resulting in progress towards meeting the recovery criteria so that the species may be delisted. This review will evaluate, within the context of current budget constraints, the efficacy of the recovery planning process, including the quality of the recovery plans, the implementation of recovery actions, and the monitoring of recovery progress. This review will provide recommendations to improve recovery plans and the recovery planning and implementation process to increase the likelihood of recovering species.

The meeting is open to the public all day, and the public will have an opportunity to provide verbal or written comments in one-hour sessions each day. Exact times for the public comment sessions are not known, but will be scheduled after 2 p.m. each day.

#### Special Accommodations

This public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other accommodations should be directed to Therese Conant (see **ADDRESSES**) as soon as possible, but no later than 7 business days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: February 29, 2016.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public hearings for the Council's BlueLine Tilefish Amendment.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2016. The hearings will be held between March 21, 2016 and March 29, 2016 as described below.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- Email to the following address: [jdidden@mafmc.org](mailto:jdidden@mafmc.org); Include "BlueLine Tilefish Comments" in the subject line;
- Mail or hand deliver to Dr.

Christopher M. Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, Delaware 19901. Mark the outside of the envelope "BlueLine Tilefish Comments"; or

- Fax to (302) 674-5399.

There will be four hearings with the following dates/times/locations:

1. Monday March 21, 2016, 6 p.m.  
Dare County Administration Building, Commissioners Meeting Room, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC 27954; telephone: (252) 475-5700.
2. Tuesday March 22, 2016, 7 p.m.  
Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront, 3001 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; telephone: (757) 213-3001.
3. Monday, March 28, 2016, 7 p.m.  
Hilton Suites Oceanfront, 3200 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842; telephone: (410) 289-6444.
4. Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 7 p.m.  
Hilton Garden Inn Lakewood, 1885 Route 70, Lakewood, NJ 08701; telephone: (732) 262-5232.

**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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council has initiated an amendment to the Golden Tilefish Fishery Management Plan to begin management and conservation of blueLine tilefish in the Mid-Atlantic. Measures include options for establishing a Mid-Atlantic blueLine tilefish unit, establishing status determination criteria, commercial/for-hire/private permitting and reporting, establishment of a monitoring committee, framework adjustment procedures, specification process (including risk policy), commercial/recreational allocations, commercial/recreational trip/possession limits, essential fish habitat designation, and catch accountability measures. A public hearing document will be posted to the Council's Web site, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org), on or before March 14, 2016. The Council will consider the public's comments and testimony at its April 2016 Council Meeting, when it will take final action regarding adding blueLine tilefish to the Golden Tilefish Fishery Management Plan.