DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE479

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.


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

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

• Email to the following address: 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”;

• Fax to (302) 674–2331;

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.


4. Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 7 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn Lakewood, 1885 Route 70, Lakewood, NJ 08701; telephone: (732) 262–5232.


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 bluefin tilefish in the Mid-Atlantic. Measures include options for establishing a Mid-Atlantic bluefin 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, 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 bluefin tilefish to the Golden Tilefish Fishery Management Plan.
Special Accommodations
This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for
sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M.
Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.
Dated: March 1, 2016.
Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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 Habitat Committee 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 Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Providence Warwick
Airport, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886; phone: (401) 732–
6000; fax: (401) 732–0261.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director,

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Committee plans to review habitat-related sections of five-year
Council research priorities and forward recommendations to the Scientific and
Statistical Committee. They will also receive update on framework
adjustment to develop clam dredge access areas in Council-proposed
Omnibus Habitat Amendment management areas. The committee will
continue development of Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment; discuss
goals and objectives of action, review list of coral zones and Plan
Development Team (PDT) recommended updates and recommend modified
alternatives to Council as appropriate; discuss range of
management measures for coral zones and recommend modified alternatives to
Council as appropriate; review preliminary PDT summary of fishing
activities within coral zones; Discuss timeline for action and work plan. The
Committee may also receive an update on the Northeast Regional Ocean Plan.
Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come
before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal
action during these meetings. Action
will be restricted to those issues
specifically listed in this notice and any
issues arising after publication of this
notice that require emergency action
under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-
Stevens Act, provided the public has
been notified of the Council’s intent to
take final action to address the
emergency.

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: March 1, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM
PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR
SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely
Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds a service to the Procurement List that will be
provided by the nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or
have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Effective Date: April 3, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely
Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703)
603–7740, Fax: (703) 603–0655, or email
CMTEFedRe@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Addition

On 1/29/2016 (81 FR 5009), the
Committee for Purchase From People
Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
published notice of proposed addition
to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material
presented to it concerning capability of
qualified nonprofit agency to furnish the
service and impact of the addition on
the current or most recent contractors,
the Committee has determined that the
service listed below is suitable for
procurement by the Federal Government
under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR
51–2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will
not have a significant impact on a
substantial number of small entities.
The major factors considered for this
certification were:
1. The action will not result in any
additional reporting, recordkeeping or
other compliance requirements for small
entities other than the small
organization that will provide the
service to the Government.
2. The action will result in
authorizing a small entity to provide the
service to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory
alternatives which would accomplish
the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-
O’Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501–8506) in
connection with the service proposed
for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service is
added to the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type: Base Supply Center Service
Mandatory for: U.S. Army, Fort Wainwright,
AK
Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: RLCB, Inc.,
Raleigh, NC
Contracting Activity: Dept. of the Army, 0413
AQ HQ, HQ PARC, Fort Wainwright, AK

Barry S. Lineback,
Director, Business Operations.

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