DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 (Council) will hold a public webinar meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday November 9, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option. The webinar can be accessed at http://mefnc.adobeconnect.com/chub_hms_diet/. Audio can be accessed through the webinar link or by dialing 1–800–832–0736 and entering meeting room number 5068871.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; 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 goal of this webinar is to understand the importance of Atlantic chub mackerel (Scomber colias) to the diets of highly migratory species (HMS) predators in U.S. waters, with a focus on recreationally-important predators such as large tunas and billfish. The objectives of the meeting are to: (1) Convene a panel of scientific experts on HMS diets, (2) clarify what is known about the importance of chub mackerel to HMS diets based on currently available data, and (3) develop recommendations for future studies to quantify the role of chub mackerel in HMS diets. Meeting these objectives will help the Council analyze the potential impacts of chub mackerel management alternatives on HMS predators as well as on recreational fisheries for those predators. The Council is developing a chub mackerel amendment to the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterflyfish Fishery Management Plan. More information on the amendment is available at: http://www.mafmc.org/actions/chub-mackerel-amendment. To facilitate productive discussions among the invited experts, public participation during this webinar will be limited to designated question and answer and comment periods. Members of the public are invited to email questions for the invited experts to Council staff (jbeaty@mafmc.org) in advance of the meeting.

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: October 20, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Governor’s Opt-Out Notice To Conduct State Radio Access Network

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) requires a Governor of a State to notify the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of a State’s decision to opt-out of participation in the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) as proposed by FirstNet and to conduct its own deployment of a Radio Access Network in the State. This Notice provides instructions for such “opt-out” notices to NTIA.

DATES: Applicable on October 25, 2017.

ADDRESSES: All opt-out notices must be filed via the dedicated email address: sapp@ntia.doc.gov, or via certified mail to the Office of Public Safety Communications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, United States Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave NW., Washington, DC 20230, ATTN: Marsha MacBride.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Dunn; Office of Public Safety Communications; National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce; 1401 Constitution Avenue NW; Washington, DC 20230; cdunn@ntia.doc.gov; (202) 482–4103.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 6302(e)(2) of the Act, the Governor of each State or Territory has 90 days from the receipt of notice by FirstNet under section 6302(e)(1) of the Act to decide whether to participate in the deployment of the NPSBN as proposed by FirstNet or whether to conduct its own deployment of a Radio Access Network in the State.1 Section 6302(e)(3)(A) of the Act requires a Governor of a State or Territory to notify FirstNet, NTIA, and the FCC of a State’s decision to opt-out.2 This Notice

1 See 47 U.S.C. 1442(e).
2 47 U.S.C. 1442(e)(3)(A). Please note that States that choose to participate in the deployment of the NPSBN as proposed by FirstNet are not required to file a notice of such participation with NTIA.