

4. *Comments and reply comments; service.* Pursuant to applicable procedures set out in Sections 1.415 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates set forth in the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* to which this Appendix is attached. All submissions by parties to this proceeding or persons acting on behalf of such parties must be made in written comments, reply comments, or other appropriate pleadings. Comments shall be served on the petitioner by the person filing the comments. Reply comments shall be served on the person(s) who filed comments to which the reply is directed. Such comments and reply comments shall be accompanied by a certificate of service. (See § 1.420 (a), (b) and (c) of the Commission Rules.)

5. *Number of copies.* In accordance with the provisions of Section 1.420 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, an original and four copies of all comments, reply comments, pleadings, briefs, or other documents shall be furnished to the Commission.

6. *Public inspection of filings.* All filings made in this proceeding will be available for examination by interested parties during regular business hours in the Commission's Public Reference Room at its headquarters, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Materials Transportation Bureau

[49 CFR Part 172]

[Docket No. HM-126A; Notice No. 79-9]

Display of Hazardous Materials Identification Numbers; Improved Emergency Response Capability

Correction

In FR Doc. 79-16984 appearing at page 32972 in the issue for Thursday, June 7, 1979, a portion of the comments of the Association of American Railroads (AAR) was reproduced on pages 32973-32975. These comments were printed in the same type size and style as the rest of the document preamble.

Consequently, the comments of the AAR might be mistaken as representing the official views of the Materials Transportation Bureau. Users should be advised that the text beginning in the middle column on page 32973, from the heading "The Basic Requirements of a Hazard Information System" through the

text in the middle column on page 32975, ending with the line "emergency units on the scene." is a partial quotation taken from the comments of the AAR.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[50 CFR Part 652]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Public hearings on amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council prepared an amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries that proposes major changes to the plan. Public hearings are announced for consideration of the changes.

DATES: The hearings will be held on the following dates: July 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19, 1979.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be at the following locations:

- July 10—Holiday Inn, 500 Hathaway Road, New Bedford, MA 02710, (617) 897-1231.
- July 11—Dutch Inn, Great Island Road, (Galilee) Narragansett, RI 02882, (401) 789-9341.
- July 12—Stockton State College, Pomona, NJ 08240, (609) 652-1776.
- July 17—Golden Eagle, Philadelphia Avenue on the Beach, Cape May, NJ 08204, (609) 884-5611.
- July 18—Sheraton Fountainbleau Inn, 10100 Ocean Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842, (301) 524-3535.
- July 19—Quality Inn Lake Wright, 6280 Northampton Blvd., Box 2048, Norfolk, VA 23502, (804) 461-8251.

All of the above public hearings will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John C. Bryson, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, Federal Building, North and New Streets, Dover, Delaware 19901, Telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Fishery Management Plan for the Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries was approved by the Secretary of Commerce in November, 1977, for the period through September, 1979. The Council adopted an amendment to the plan that

would extend it through December 1979. This amendment is being reviewed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Council adopted another amendment that would extend the plan through calendar year 1980 with the following changes:

1. The annual surf clam quota of 1.8 million bushels (approximately 30 million pounds of meats) would be continued as would be the provisions to allocate the quota by quarters and regulate fishing effort by restricting days fished. However, the amendment would revise the quarterly quotas for surf clams to be 400,000 bushels for October through December and January through March, and 500,000 bushels for April through June and July through September. A fishing week of no more than four days, Monday through Thursday, will be continued. To help spread the quarterly catch evenly throughout the entire quarter, each vessel will be restricted to 24 hours of fishing per week at the beginning of each quarter. If the Regional Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service determines that the quarterly quota will not be harvested, the weekly hours of fishing may be increased. The Regional Director may prohibit fishing if it is likely that the quarterly quota will be exceeded. Vessels would be required to start and stop fishing at uniform hours. A make-up day for bad weather would be permitted on the fishing day following the fishing day which the bad weather condition existed. The make-up day provision would be in effect only during the months of December, February, and March.

2. The amendment would continue the provisions of the plan regarding ocean quahogs except that the annual quota for ocean quahogs would be increased to 4.0 million bushels (approximately 40 million pounds of meats).

3. The prohibition on the entry of additional vessels into the surf clam fishery would be continued. The moratorium would not preclude replacement of vessels involuntarily leaving the fishery during the time when the moratorium is in effect.

4. The provision to close surf clam beds to fishing wherein over 60 percent of the clams are under 4½ inches in length and less than 15 percent are over 5½ inches in length would be continued. It is recommended that special measures be instituted to manage such closed areas when they are reopened to insure that such openings do not lead to premature closures in the fishery and to prevent overfishing of the newly opened beds.

5. Dredge size and number would be limited by the amendment to such