

publications in the last 3 years with up to five other relevant papers.

(7) *Current and pending support.* For each investigator, submit a list which includes project title, supporting agency with grant number, investigator months, dollar value, and duration. Requested values should be listed for pending support.

#### Other Requirements/Information

(1) Applicants may obtain a standard NOAA application kit from the NOAA Office of Grants Management. Primary applicant Certification: All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying."

(2) Federal Policies and Procedures Applicable to this announcement:

A. *Environmental Impact.* Applicants whose proposed projects may have an environmental impact should furnish sufficient information to assist proposal reviewers in assessing the potential environmental consequences of supporting the project.

B. The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), is applicable to this solicitation.

(3) There is no guarantee that sufficient funds will be available to make awards for all qualified projects. The exact amount of funds that may be awarded will be determined in pre-award negotiations between the applicant and the NOAA representatives. Publication of this notice does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds. If one incurs costs prior to receiving an award agreement signed by an authorized NOAA official, one would do so solely at one's own risk of these costs not being included under the award.

(4) *Disposition of Unsuccessful Applications.* Those proposals that are not ultimately selected for funding will be destroyed.

(5) If an application is selected for funding, the DOC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the DOC.

In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from

participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance from the NOAA/NWS. The NOAA/NWS does not have a direct telephonic device for the deaf (TDD) capabilities can be reached through the State of Maryland-supplied TDD contact number, 800-735-2258, between the hours of 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424 and 424A has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043 and 0348-0044. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

#### Executive Orders 12866 and 12372

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866. Applications under this program are not subject to E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

Notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts. Because notice and comment are not required, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, is not required and has not been prepared for this notice.

Dated: December 31, 2002.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Ecosystems Committee, Squid, Mackerel and Butterfish Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, Highly Migratory Species Ad-Hoc Committee, and Executive Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** Tuesday, January 21, 2003, through Thursday, January 23, 2003. On Tuesday, January 21, 2003, the Ecosystems Committee will meet from noon until 2 p.m. The Squid, Mackerel and Butterfish Committee will meet from 2-5 p.m. On Wednesday, January 22, 2003, the Law Enforcement Committee will meet from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Council will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. On Thursday, January 23, 2003, the Highly Migratory Species Ad-Hoc Committee will meet from 8-9 a.m. The Executive Committee will meet from 9-10 a.m. Council convenes from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Trump Plaza Hotel, Mississippi Avenue and the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ, telephone 609-441-2708.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: the Ecosystems Committee will discuss Council's role in identifying and addressing NMFS habitat/bycatch requirements; the Squid, Mackerel and Butterfish Committee will discuss and finalize measures to be included in Amendment 9 (gear impacts on EFH, Illex fishery moratorium, multiple year specification process, bycatch/discard reduction in Loligo fishery, and "other"); the Law Enforcement Committee will review the Fisheries Achievement Award Program and discuss background investigation needs/limitations regarding Council members and advisors; Council will conduct a scoping meeting for Amendment 1 to the Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (consider, among other management measures, the following items for inclusion in Amendment 1: define a rebuilding biomass target for Bmsy, establish rebuilding timeframe consistent with Section 304(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, address bycatch/discard issues, address different allocation processes,