

the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act (MSRA) provisions for the National Standard 1, the requirement for annual catch limits (ACL), accountability measures, rebuilding plans, and reduction of open access fisheries;

10 a.m. - overview of compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the MSRA;

11:15 a.m. - discussion of fiscal year (FY) 2007 and FY 2008 Council budgets; and

12 noon - the CCC will break to participate in a hands-on restoration work session to aid fishermen who were victims of Hurricane Katrina.

#### Thursday, May 11, 2007

8 a.m. - actions to implement Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPS); 9:30 am - actions to implement Council member training;

10:15 a.m. - actions needed to include provisions of MSRA into the Council's Standard Operating Practices and Procedures (SOPPs);

10:45 a.m. - applicability of Fair Labor Standards Act to NOAA observers;

11:15 a.m. - receive a briefing on court cases affecting the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act); the meeting will recess at noon. Friday, May 12, 2007

8 a.m. - U.S. Coast Guard enforcement/safety issues;

8:30 a.m. - items from the preceding Administrative Officer's meeting needing CCC concurrence or discussion;

9:30 a.m. - NOAA's actions under Recreational Data Survey and registry;

10:15 a.m. - update on regulatory streamlining process;

11 a.m. - other Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act (MSRA) timelines affecting Councils;

11:30 a.m. - planning session for the September MSRA Conference/ Workshop/CCC Meeting;

12 noon - scheduling the next CCC meeting;

12:30 p.m. - the meeting will adjourn.

A copy of the agenda and related meeting materials may be obtained by contacting Mr. Wayne Swingle at the Gulf Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the CCC for discussion, in accordance with

the Magnuson-Stevens Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the CCC will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041207D]

##### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Whiting Committee meeting, in May, 2007, 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:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will continue development of alternatives for consideration in an amendment to address the management of small mesh multispecies (silver hake, red hake, offshore hake). The committee will also discuss alternatives for limited access qualification criteria and possible approaches for addressing historical fishery participants as well as possible approaches for managing the catch of small mesh multispecies in non-directed fisheries. The committee will continue development of alternatives for specifying Optimum Yield (OY) and discuss alternatives for total allowable catches (TACs) and TAC-based management in the small mesh multispecies fishery. Other topics may be covered at the committee's discretion.

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 this meeting. 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

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**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Coastal

Pelagic Species (CPS) advisory bodies will hold meetings, which are open to the public, on May 8–10, 2007. The primary purpose of the meetings is to review the current Pacific mackerel stock assessment and develop harvest guideline and seasonal structure recommendations for the 2007–08 Pacific mackerel fishery.

**DATES:** The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will hold a work session Tuesday, May 8, 2007, from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed and will reconvene on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will meet Thursday, May 10, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Regional Office, Glenn M. Anderson Federal Office Building, Suite 4200, Large Conference Room, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802; telephone: (562) 980–4000.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CPSMT will also review the 2007 CPS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document. The CPSMT and CPSAS will develop recommendations for Council consideration at its June meeting in Foster City, CA, and address other issues relating to CPS management, including implementation of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, review of State reduction fishery regulations, the Council's proposed Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan, and CPS fishery sampling methods.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may arise during the CPSMT and CPSAS meetings, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Formal 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Entry to the Southwest Regional Office in the Glenn M. Anderson Federal Office Building requires valid picture identification and there are no weapons (including pocket knives), cameras, or cell phones with camera capability allowed.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110306B]

#### Small Coastal Shark 2007 Stock Assessment Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the date, time, and location for the small coastal shark (SCS) Assessment Workshop, the second of three stock evaluation workshops for the SCS stock assessment to be conducted in 2007. Any potential changes to existing management measures for SCS will be based, in large part, on the results of this 2007 stock assessment. The workshop is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Assessment Workshop will start at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007, and will conclude at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The Assessment Workshop will be held at the Bay Point Marriott Resort, 4200 Marriott Drive, Panama City Beach, FL 32408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Neer at (850) 234–6541; or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at (301) 713–2347, fax (301) 713–1917.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Atlantic shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery

Management Plan (FMP) (October 2, 2006; 71 FR 58058) is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

Stock assessments are periodically conducted to determine stock status relative to current management criteria. Collection of the best available scientific data and conducting stock assessments are critical to determine appropriate management measures for managing stocks. Based on the last SCS stock assessment in 2002, NMFS determined that the SCS complex and three of the species in that complex are not overfished with no overfishing occurring. The only exception was for finetooth sharks, where fishing mortality in some years was above the mortality level associated with producing maximum sustainable yield (MSY). Any potential changes to existing management measures for SCS will be based, in large part, on the results of this 2007 stock assessment.

This assessment will be conducted in a manner similar to the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process. SEDAR is a cooperative process initiated in 2002 to improve the quality and reliability of fishery stock assessments in the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Caribbean. SEDAR emphasizes constituent and stakeholder participation in assessment development, transparency in the assessment process, and a rigorous and independent scientific review of completed stock assessments. SEDAR is organized around three workshops. The first is a Data Workshop where datasets are documented, analyzed, and reviewed, and data for conducting assessment analyses are compiled. The second workshop is an Assessment Workshop where quantitative population analyses are developed and refined and population parameters are estimated. The third and final workshop is a Review Workshop where a panel of independent experts review the data and assessment and recommend the most appropriate values of critical population and management quantities. All workshops are open to the public. More information on the SEDAR process can be found at <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/>. The 2005/2006 large coastal shark stock assessment also followed this process.

NMFS announces the Assessment Workshop, the second of three workshops for the SCS 2007 stock assessment. The Assessment Workshop will be held from May 7 - 11, 2007, at the Bay Point Marriott Resort in Panama City Beach, FL (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). Prospective participants and observers will be contacted with the data workshop details. This workshop is