

Agenda items by day for the Council's committees and the Council itself are:

Monday, December 10 - The Council will convene to conduct a workshop on the impact of the Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act on its specification setting process. Tuesday, December 11 - The Council will convene jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASFMC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board. They will review and discuss the Monitoring Committee's and the Advisory Panel's recommendations on summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational management measures, and develop and approve management measures for the 2008 summer flounder recreational fisheries. The Mid-Atlantic section of the Monkfish Committee will review and discuss action taken by the New England Council regarding Framework 5 and 6, and develop a Council position regarding Framework 5 and Framework 6. Wednesday, December 12 - The Council will conduct its regular business session to approve October Council minutes, approve actions from the October meeting, and receive various organizational reports. The Council will review and approve the final action on Framework 5 to the Monkfish FMP. There will be an awards presentation to recognize the 2007 Fisheries Achievement Award winner. The Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will review management alternatives to address the mackerel limited entry program. The Bycatch/Limited Access Committee will receive an update on the National Bycatch Report. Thursday, December 13 - The Executive Committee will review the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) membership process and SSC member stipends. The Council will then convene to receive a Marine Debris presentation and Committee reports, review and approve changes to the Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP) related to the SSC role, address reappointment of existing members, fill two vacancies on the SSC, and discuss the concept of adjunct SSC members.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 actions to address such emergencies.

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 Bryan, (302) 674-2331 ext: 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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's (Council) Multispecies (Groundfish) Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The two-day meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 9 a.m. and Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

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 Multispecies (Groundfish) Committee will meet for two days to consider additional issues for Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

The Committee will continue to develop a process for allocation of groundfish species and a process to set the Annual Catch Limits (ACL's) and

Accountability Measures (AM's) for the recreational users. It also will continue to develop days-at-sea (DAS) measures to meet the mortality requirements set under Amendment 13, establishing a process to set ACL's and AM's for the common pool commercial users, and developing DAS transfer and leasing taxes. The Committee may also consider other DAS measures necessary to complete its work for Amendment 16.

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Committee will finish any uncompleted issues from day one and work on the following items:

Measures for sector management to include baseline time-frame; allocation mechanisms, replacing the 20% species cap; monitoring mechanisms for sectors.

The Committee may also consider other sector issues and any measures necessary to complete its work for Amendment 16.

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