

302 (16 U.S.C. 1852) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The Committee consists of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Act or other Council members or staff. The CFMC will host this meeting and provide reports to the Committee for its information and discussion. The main topics of discussion will be the FY 2008 budget allocation, implementation of the provisions of the MSRA, and related guidance and technical regulatory changes, among others.

#### Agenda

##### Tuesday morning, May 6, 2008

- Opening remarks  
U.S.V.I. Government Officials  
CFMC  
NOAA Fisheries  
Separate Sessions NMFS and Councils

##### Tuesday afternoon, May 6, 2008

- MSRA Implementation Issues  
Discuss agency progress on NS1 Guidelines concerning ACL's/AMS  
Discuss agency progress on NEPA compliance procedures  
Discuss agency progress on NMFS guidance regarding implementation of LAPPs  
Discuss and review progress regarding incorporation of SSC into council specification setting processes, and its role as peer review body, as well as those of other advisory roles  
Discuss progress on developing 5-year research programs with SSC  
Discuss Councils' efforts to end overfishing and status of rebuilding stocks that are overfished (each council will address this item.)

##### Wednesday morning, May 7, 2008

- Other MSRA implementation/legislative issues  
Progress report on MRIP  
Coastal States Organization (CSO) perspective on HR 21  
Receive/discuss status of: HR 4087; HR 5425; or any other bill relevant to councils or NMFS  
U.S. Coast Guard report

##### Thursday morning, May 8, 2008

- Council administrative matters  
Discuss FY09 Appropriation Bill, and how to address its impact on councils.  
Discuss FY09 stipends for SSC and need for a nationally consistent payment level  
Discuss FY09 stipends for Industry Advisors  
Discuss FY10 budget formulation activity

Discuss status of SOPPs in terms of agency approval and need to have a national "template"

Discuss upcoming 5-year grant award process (FY2010-14) and related procedures

##### Thursday afternoon, May 8, 2008

- Continue Council administrative matters
- Issues joint concern/interest  
NOAA/NMFS  
Marine Sanctuary Program  
MPAs and FAC Report  
Use of performance metrics for budget allocation purposes, e.g., Councils' FSSI scoring system  
Discuss FY 2008 budget needs/relief for Councils

##### Friday morning, May 9, 2008

- Councils only session (if needed)  
The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The CCC will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Miguel A. Rolon at (787) 766-5926 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: April 7, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XH11**

##### 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) Herring Advisory Panel will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at 10 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 items of discussion in the panel's agenda are as follows:

1. At the beginning of the meeting, there will be an opportunity for public comment on the Herring Amendment 4 Scoping Document.

2. The Herring Advisory Panel will review the Herring Amendment 4 Scoping Document and develop related Advisory Panel recommendations and suggestions for Herring Committee consideration.

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 identified 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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

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

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