

Council

Thursday, June 5, 2008—The Council meeting will begin at 8:30 am with a review of the agenda and minutes. From 8:45 am–9:45 am on Proposed Rule Integrating Magnuson-Stevens Act and NEPA; From 9:45 am–10:45 am public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any; An Open Public Comment Period regarding any fishery issue of concern will be immediately following completion of public testimony for one hour. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period. The Council will review and discuss reports from the previous two days' committee meetings as follows: 1 pm–3 pm—Reef Fish Management; 3 pm–3:15 pm—Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum; 3:15 pm–3:45 pm—Administrative Policy; 3:45 pm–4 pm—Outreach & Education; 4 pm–4:30 pm—Ad Hoc Allocation; 4:30 pm–4:45 pm—Stone Crab/Spiny Lobster. The Council will discuss Other Business items from 4:45 pm–5:45 pm. The Council will conclude its meeting at 5:45 pm.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the M-SFCMA, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees 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 M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. 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.

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.

Dated: May 9, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648–XH93

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Oversight Committee in June, 2008 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: This meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775–2311; fax: (207) 772–4017.

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 meet to review Draft Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This amendment is being developed to continue groundfish rebuilding plans. The Committee will also receive reports from the Groundfish Advisory Panel and the Recreational Advisory Panel. After considering the advice of the Advisory Panels and reviewing the draft amendment and DEIS, the Committee may identify preferred management measure alternatives from the options in the document. The Committee may also suggest modifications to the measures text or the analyses of impacts. The Committee decisions will be reported to the full Council at a meeting on June 4, 2008.

There is a possibility that this meeting may be cancelled. The Committee is also scheduled to meet May 13, 2008 to discuss Amendment 16. If the Committee decides that it has completed its work on the amendment at that meeting, the meeting on June 2,

2008 may be cancelled. Notice to the public will be provided via the **Federal Register** and on the Council's web page (www.nefmc.org) if this occurs.

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 Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) will hold work sessions, which are open to the public.

DATES: The HMSMT work session will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008; the HMSMT and HMSAS will begin meeting jointly at 1:30 p.m. on the same day and continue until 5:30 p.m. The joint meeting of the HMSMT and HMSAS will resume on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. and continue until the two committees finish their joint discussions. The committees will