SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY AND ADVISORY BODY MEETINGS—Continued

Washington State Delegation	7 am.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 am.
Enforcement Consultants	8 am.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 am.
Groundfish Management Team	8 am.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 am.
Salmon Management Team	8 am.
Wednesday, September 16, 2009	.
Pacific Council Secretariat	7 am.
California State Delegation	7 am.
Oregon State Delegation	7 am.
Washington State Delegation	7 am.
Enforcement Consultants	8 am.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 am.
Groundfish Management Team	8 am.
Thursday, September 17, 2009	.
Pacific Council Secretariat	7 am.
California State Delegation	7 am.
Oregon State Delegation	7 am.
Washington State Delegation	7 am.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: August 24, 2009,

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Oversight Committee will hold two meetings to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meetings will be held September 15 and 16, 2009. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401)732–6000; fax: (401)732–0261.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill ı2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The advisory panel's and oversight committee meeting schedules and agendas are as follows:

1. Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting - Tuesday, September 15, 2009 beginning at 9 a.m.

The advisory panel will review Amendment 15 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) alternatives and analyses. The primary goal of Scallop Amendment 15 is to consider alternatives to comply with new requirements of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, specifically implementing annual catch limits (ACLs). In addition, this action is considering alternatives to address excess capacity in the limited access scallop fishery with leasing and permit stacking alternatives. Lastly, this action is considering a number of alternatives to adjust several aspects of the overall scallop management program such as revising the overfishing definition, specific adjustments to the general category management program, a specific alternative to address EFH closures on Georges Bank, adjustments to the current scallop research set-aside program, and changing the scallop fishing year from March 1 to May 1. The panel will identify preferred alternatives for the Scallop Committee to consider. The advisory panel will also provide input on development of Framework 21. Framework 21 includes specifications for the 2010 fishing year including days-at-sea (DAS) allocations, access area schedule and measures for the general category scallop fishery. Other measures under consideration are possible consideration of a new scallop access area closure in the Great South Channel, minor modifications to the observer set-aside program, and compliance with the recent Loggerhead sea turtle biological opinion.

2. Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 16, 2009 beginning at 9 a.m.

The Committee will review Amendment 15 DEIS alternatives and analyses. The Committee will consider input from the Advisory Panel when identifying preferred alternatives for the Council to consider later in September. The Council is scheduled to approve the final range of alternatives and draft analyses included in Amendment 15 DEIS for public hearings at the September Council meeting. The committee will also continue development of alternatives for Framework 21. Framework 21 includes specifications for the 2010 fishing year and other measures.

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

Dated: August 24, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Highly Migratory Species Committee and its Spiny Dogfish Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 4509 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: (215) 937–4535.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674–2331, extension 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to develop and finalize comments on Draft Amendment 3 to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan and its proposed rule for management of Atlantic Shark fisheries. The Committees expect to comment on the reported overfishing that is being experienced by the blacknose sharks and shortfin mako sharks, and the proposed management measures required to end this overfishing. Comments will also be developed on the inclusion of smooth dogfish in the Fishery Management Plan.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) groundfish plan teams will meet in Seattle.

DATES: The meetings will be held September 15–18, 2009. The joint plan team meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15 and continue through noon on Friday, September 18. The GOA Plan Team will convene separately at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 18 in Room 1055. The BSAI Plan Team will convene separately at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 18 in the Traynor Room.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Observer Training Room (GOA Plan Team) and Traynor Room (Joint Teams and BS/AI Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo or Diana Stram, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda: Principal business is to prepare and review the draft Economic Report, the draft Ecosystems Consideration Chapter, proposed modeling changes to stock assessments for some target-categories, proposed 2010–12 halibut discard mortality rates for all groundfish fisheries, and recommend preliminary groundfish catch specifications for 2008/09. The teams will also review proposed uncertainty corrections and Allowable Biological Catch control rules for stock assessments, application of stock structure for area management, vulnerability analyses for identifying which groundfish stocks could be categorized as ''in the fishery'' versus in a new ecosystem component category, and recommendations for criteria for evaluating proposals to create new habitat areas of particular concern.

The agenda is posted on the Council website at: *http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/*

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