

fuel quality standards for hydrogen used to refuel highway vehicles.

Item 270-5. Seed Count for Agricultural Seeds—The L&R Committee will consider a proposed method of sale and related test procedures for the inspection of packaged agricultural seed (specifically corn seed, soybean seed, field bean seed, and wheat seed) by “count.” (This item also includes proposed changes to NIST Handbook 133.)

Item 270-6. Polyethylene Products, Method of Sale Regulation Section 2.13.4. “Declaration of Weight.”—The L&R Committee will consider a proposal to revise the density values used to calculate the net weights on some packages of polyethylene products to recognize that heavier density plastics are now being used in some sheeting and bags. (See also Item 270-7 Handbook 133, Chapter 4.7. Polyethylene Sheeting—Test Procedure—Footnote to Step 3.)

Item 270-9. Packaged Printer Ink and Toner Cartridges—The L&R Committee will consider a proposed method of sale that would clarify the labeling requirements for packaged inkjet and toner cartridges to ensure that consumers are informed about the net quantity of contents of these products so that value comparisons can be made.

Item 270-11. Measurement of the Volume of Bagged Mulch—The L&R Committee will consider a proposal to revise the procedures used to verify the net quantity of contents of packaged mulch. The revisions include a proposal to require open dating so that allowances for moisture loss and decomposition can be made.

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Patrick Gallagher,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XT36

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice; public hearings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold three public hearings to solicit

comment on Draft Amendment 4 and a Draft Environmental Assessment to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

DATES: The hearings will be held between January 6, 2010 and January 11, 2010. For specific dates and times, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The Draft Amendment 4 document can be downloaded from our website at www.nefmc.org or obtained by contacting the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

Meeting addresses: The Council will take comments at the public hearings to be held in Gloucester, MA, Fairhaven, MA and Portland, ME. For specific locations, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Comments may be sent to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950 or emailed to: comments@nefmc.org attention/subject line: (Herring Draft Amendment 4 Comments).

The agendas for the following three hearings are as follows: NEMFC staff will brief the public on the draft herring amendment and the contents of the draft environmental assessment prior to opening the hearing for public comments and the schedules are as follows:

Public Hearing Meetings: Locations and Schedules.

1. *Wednesday, January 6, 2010, from 5-7 p.m.*; Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries Annisquam River Station, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 282-0308.

2. *Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 5-7 p.m.*; Hampton Inn, Fairhaven, One Hampton Way, Fairhaven, MA 02719; telephone: (508) 990-8500

3. *Monday, January 11, 2010, from 5-7 p.m.*; Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard

(see ADDRESSES), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 16, 2009.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XT35

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 Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300.

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 committee’s agenda are as follows:

1. Review the range of alternatives under consideration, related analyses, and public comments regarding Amendment 4 to the Herring FMP; management measures proposed in Amendment 4 will modify the Atlantic herring fishery specification process for consistency with the provisions in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to establish annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) in the herring fishery;

2. Develop Committee recommendations for Council consideration regarding the selection of final measures for Amendment 4;

3. Other business may also be discussed.