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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XX81

#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will hold a 3-day Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) meeting in September 2010. The intent of the meeting is to consider options for the conservation and management of Atlantic HMS. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The AP meeting will be held on September 21, 2010 through September 23, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Parker or Margo Schulze-Haugen at 301-713-2347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104 297, provided for the establishment of an AP to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of any Fishery Management Plan (FMP) or FMP amendment for HMS. NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of AP members when preparing and implementing FMPs or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks.

The AP has previously consulted with NMFS on: Amendment 1 to the Billfish FMP (April 1999), the HMS FMP (April 1999), Amendment 1 to the HMS FMP (December 2003), the Consolidated HMS FMP (October 2006), and Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to the Consolidated HMS FMP (April and October 2008, February and September 2009, and May 2010). At the September 2010 AP meeting, NMFS plans to discuss the current management issues related to the

Atlantic bluefin tuna, shark, and swordfish fisheries, as well as options for vessel monitoring systems and recreational reporting.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Brian Parker at (301) 713 2347 at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 22, 2010.

Carrie Selberg,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XX80

#### 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 Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Advisory Panel in August, 2010 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 Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, 407 Squire Road, Revere, MA 02151; telephone: (781) 284-7200; fax: (781) 289-3176.

*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 Habitat Advisory Panel will meet to discuss management options to minimize the adverse effects of fishing on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) across all Council FMPs. These management options are being developed as part of Phase 2 of Essential Fish Habitat Omnibus Amendment 2. Broadly speaking, the purpose of Phase 2 is to

ensure that the Council's management plans are minimizing adverse impacts of various Council-managed fisheries on EFH to the extent practicable, and that EFH-related management measures are integrated and optimized across all FMPs. Recommendations from the Advisory Panel will be considered by the Habitat Committee at their meeting on August 26, 2010. As necessary, representatives from the Habitat Plan Development Team (PDT) will present recent PDT analyses and recommendations to inform the Advisory Panel's discussion. If time permits, the panel may discuss other issues.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 22, 2010.

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 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 Red Crab Committee in August, 2010 to consider actions affecting New England

fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this joint group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2010 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, 407 Squire Road, Revere, MA 02151; telephone: (781) 284-7200; fax: (781) 289-3176.

*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 review the status of the red crab fishery and recent developments in processing, marketing, and cooperative research. The Committee will also review Draft Amendment 3 to the Red Crab Fishery Management Plan, which is intended to: bring the Red Crab Fishery Management Plan into compliance with Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements for annual catch limits and accountability measures; establish specifications for fishing years 2011-13; consider changes to the management system that respond to industry suggestions for increasing efficiency in the fishery; replace the Target total allowable catch (TAC) and Days-at-Sea management system with a hard TAC; eliminate trip limits; and replace the blanket prohibition on landing more than one tote of females per trip with a procedure that would allow the harvest of female crab contingent upon Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Council approval of specifications that include a female allowable biological catch (ABC) and annual catch limit (ACL).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No.: 100706289-0289-01]

#### National Weather Service (NWS) Strategic Plan, 2011-2020

**AGENCY:** National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Weather Service's (NWS) Strategic Plan (the Plan) for 2011-2020 sets the course for the agency's mission, a vision of the future, the societal outcomes that NWS aims to realize, and the actions the agency must take. The Plan establishes the framework to better meet the needs of Americans and to respond to some of the Nation's most urgent challenges. The Plan derives from NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan and is the result of a collaborative endeavor among employees, NOAA and NWS management, and private sector, research and operations partners. NWS invites comments on the contents of Plan, including mission statement, vision of the future, goals, objectives, and strategies.

**DATES:** The public comment period is open from July 27, 2010 through September 6, 2010. All comments must be submitted by the close of business on September 7, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments via the following methods:

- **NWS Web site:** (<http://www.weather.gov/com/stratplan>).
- **Mail:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service, Strategic Planning and Policy (W/SP), 1325 East-West Highway, Room 18234, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.
- **E-mail comments to** [nws.great.ideas@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.great.ideas@noaa.gov).

NWS prefers that reviewers submit comments online via the NWS Web site, <http://www.weather.gov/com/stratplan>,

where reviewers may post general comments on the plan, comment on a particular section, as well as vote on the comments posted by others. This method will help NWS understand which aspects of the plan deserve the most attention in developing a final version.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marie Lovern, NWS Office of the Assistant Administrator, at [marie.lovern@noaa.gov](mailto:marie.lovern@noaa.gov) or (301) 713-0611 x170.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may view the Plan in its entirety at: <http://www.weather.gov/com/stratplan>.

#### Summary of the Plan:

The NWS has played a key role in protecting American lives and properties for over a century. The timely provision of reliable weather, water, climate, and environmental information has supported the Nation's social and economic development. NWS offices in communities across the U.S. and its territories, supported by regional and national centers, provide the authoritative information needed by Americans, including national, regional, state, tribal and local authorities, to plan, prepare, mitigate, and respond to natural and human-caused events. NWS views a diverse and growing environmental information services industry—the companies, media outlets, and others that create weather programming, provide consulting services, and deliver information to American society—as a strategic partner.

The NWS is part of the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), an agency with a diverse mission to understand and communicate changing conditions in the weather, climate, oceans, and coasts, and use that understanding to manage natural resources, including managing the Nation's fisheries and supporting healthy coastal habitats and species. NWS expertise in weather, water, and climate prediction, contributes to NOAA-wide initiatives such as air and water quality forecasts and ecological prediction and monitoring. NOAA's commitment to science, service, and stewardship informs society to respond and adapt to environmental conditions within a changing and uncertain world. New and evolving needs from society call for a shift in the way NWS forecasts and warns to provide impact-based decision support services. This means NWS must place an increasing emphasis on weather-related events, which significantly affect people, their livelihoods and the economy. NWS must go beyond producing accurate