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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is relevant to Federally-listed threatened California Central Valley (CCV) steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). Permits 15542, 16608 and 16531 have been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et. seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

#### Permits

Permit 15542 was issued to Normandeau Associates, Incorporated (NAI) on October 24, 2011, authorizing the take of ESA-listed juvenile and adult CCV steelhead during fish monitoring surveys in lower Putah Creek, a tributary to the Sacramento River, Central Valley, California. The surveys are conducted under the auspices of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) to evaluate LPCCC flow management actions on the abundance, distribution, condition, and health of fishes in lower Putah Creek. Sample fish will be captured by boat and raft-mounted electrofisher, anesthetized, identified to species, examined for marks and tags, measured and weighed, and released back into lower Putah Creek. Permit 15542 will expire on November 1, 2016.

Permit 16608 was issued to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) on January 26, 2012, authorizing the take of ESA-listed juvenile and adult CCV steelhead during implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program Steelhead Monitoring Plan (SJRRP SMP). USBR, in affiliation with the SJRRP, will monitor for the presence of steelhead within the SJRRP action area, defined as the mainstem San Joaquin River, from Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, in Central Valley, California. CCV steelhead will be captured prior to entering non-restored habitat, by raft-mounted electrofisher, fyke nets and trammel nets; identified to gender; sampled for tissues and scales; assessed for condition and the presence of marks and tags; and receive a coded floy tag. Captured CCV steelhead will then be

transported by truck and released into suitable habitat in the San Joaquin River downstream of the confluence of the Merced River. Permit 16608 will expire on March 31, 2014.

Permit 16531 was issued to FISHBIO Environmental, LLC (FISHBIO) on February 24, 2012, authorizing the take of ESA-listed CCV steelhead in scientific research studies linking salmonid habitat and spatial variability in the Merced River, a tributary to the San Joaquin River, in the Central Valley, California. Research investigations will evaluate: (1) The effects of attraction flow augmentation on adult salmonid migration timing and on salmonid spawning and rearing habitats; and (2) the effects of current flow management on salmonid fry and juvenile abundance, outmigration, and survival in the lower Merced River. Authorized activities include: (1) Passive monitoring (observations and enumeration at a fish counting weir; snorkel surveys; and underwater DIDSON sonar camera monitoring), and (2) active monitoring (capture of CCV steelhead by rotary screw trap, the application of anesthesia, species identification, the taking of length measurements and weights, and release of sampled juvenile and adult steelhead back into the Merced River). Permit 16531 will expire on December 31, 2016.

Dated: March 13, 2012.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XB092**

### 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 Monkfish Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel in April, 2012 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 Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000; fax: (401) 732-9309.

*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 and Advisory Panel are meeting jointly to address the recent listing of Atlantic sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act. NMFS Protected Resources Division staff will brief the meeting participants on several aspects of this listing, including who is most affected and what it means to them. They are also seeking input on what strategies and measures should be considered to reduce the interaction of the monkfish fishery with sturgeon. The Mid-Atlantic Council representative will provide a brief on the results of the meeting of the Council's ad hoc Sturgeon Committee. The Committee will also consider developing recommendations to the Councils on a course of action to address the Biological Opinion, which is scheduled to be released on or shortly after April 6, when the listing becomes effective. Time permitting, the Council staff will update the Committee on the PDTs progress in developing Amendment 6 alternatives, and present results of any analyses that have been completed.

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: March 13, 2012.

**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

**RIN0648-XB090**

#### 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 Scallop Advisory Panel 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 Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 139 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 861-8000; fax: (401) 454-4306.

*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 Advisors will begin developing specific measures for Framework 24. This action is primarily setting specifications for fishing years 2013 and 2014. At this meeting, the Advisors will primarily work on other measures that will be considered in this action in addition to specifications. Specifically, (1) possible modification of Georges Bank access area opening dates; (2) consider measures to address sub-ACL of yellowtail flounder for the LAGC trawl fishery; (3) consider modifying the effective date of YT sub-ACL AMs from Year 2 to Year 3; (4) leasing LAGC IFQ mid-year; and (5) expanding the observer set-aside program to include LAGC open area trips. The Advisors will make recommendations to the Scallop Committee for research priorities for the 2013 and 2014 Research Set-Aside program. If time

permits, the Advisors may review and provide input on a draft outline for a Performance Evaluation of the LAGC IFQ program to date. The Advisors may discuss other business.

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

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XB067**

#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico; South 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to review and discuss the following items: Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendments under development; current landings and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) values for managed stocks including the effect of revised recreational catch estimates; ABC control rule approaches; research priorities; peer review procedures; and planning for update assessments of vermilion snapper and red porgy. The meeting will be held in Savannah, GA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The meetings will be held April 3-5, 2012. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton DeSoto Savannah, 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401; telephone: (912) 232-9000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366; Email: [Kim.Iverson@safmc.net](mailto:Kim.Iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorized Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the Council's scientific materials. The SSC will discuss FMP amendments under development, current landings and ABC values for managed stocks including the effect of revised recreational catch estimates, ABC control rule approaches, research priorities, peer review procedures, and planning for update assessments of vermilion snapper and red porgy.

#### SSC Meeting Schedule:

April 3, 2012, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

April 4, 2012, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

April 5, 2012, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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#### Special Accommodations

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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