

- H. Discussions.
- 6. Improving ACL specifications and stock assessments.
 - A. Overview of the ACL process and FY2012 specification.
 - B. Report on the Council—NMFS ACL Revisited Workshop.
 - C. Surplus production model using biomass, catch, and natural mortality estimates.
 - D. Length-based estimation of fishing and natural mortality in Hawaii coral reef fishes.
 - E. Kona crab stock assessment.
 - F. Update on the kumu stock assessment.
 - G. Use of fish trap CPUE as proxy for estimating stock abundance.
 - H. Discussions.

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- 7. Data collection and reporting issues.
 - A. Report on the Non-Commercial Data Workshop.
 - B. Report on the Pacific Island Regional Office data contracts.
 - C. Report on the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation boat registry survey.
 - D. Discussion on potential improvements in the Hawaii data collection.
 - E. Annual Archipelagic Fishery Ecosystem Reports.
 - F. Discussions.
- 8. Essential Fish Habitat/Habitat Area of Particular Concern.
 - A. Hawaii coral reef EFH project.
 - B. Hawaii EFH and HAPC for coral reef, pelagic and precious corals.
 - C. Discussions.
 - 9. Protected species issues.
 - A. List of fisheries 2012: Marine Mammal Protection Act issues.
- 10. Developing Cooperative Research priorities.
- 11. Discussions.
- 12. Other Business.
- 13. Public Comment.
- 14. HI–PRIA PT recommendations.

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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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) 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, April 16, 2012 at 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 137 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 861–8000; fax: (401) 861–8002.

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 NEFMC's Scientific and Statistical Committee will:

- a. Complete development of fishing year 2013 and 2014 ABC recommendations for redfish, Georges Bank haddock, Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank windowpane flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic windowpane flounder, ocean pout, wolffish and halibut, for recommendations not completed from the March 28, 2012 SSC meeting.
- b. Review assessments and develop fishing year 2013 and 2014 ABC recommendations for Georges Bank cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine yellowtail flounder, American plaice, witch flounder and Georges Bank/Gulf of Maine white hake.
- c. Other business may be discussed.

The public is invited to participate in the SSC meeting via webinar. For online access to the meeting, please reserve your webinar seat now at <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/309803270>.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Navy Training Conducted at the Silver Strand Training Complex, San Diego Bay

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

ACTION: Notice; additional information for the proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from the U.S. Navy (Navy) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting training exercises at the Silver Strand Training Complex (SSTC) in the vicinity of San Diego Bay, California. Subsequently, additional information on marine mammals and proposed improvement on marine mammal monitoring and mitigation measures was received from the Navy. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an IHA to the Navy to incidentally harass, by Level B Harassment only, eight species of marine mammals during the specified activity.