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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
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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's (Council) Groundfish Advisory Panel will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311; fax: (207) 772-4017.

*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:**

**Agenda**

The Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) will meet to discuss pending groundfish management actions. The GAP will discuss possible adjustments to management measures for sectors. The focus of this discussion will be on possible changes to the sector monitoring program, but may also consider other sector management issues. The GAP will discuss dockside, at-sea, and electronic monitoring options. The GAP will also discuss possible changes to the treatment of Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures. Other business may also be discussed. GAP recommendations will be provided to the Groundfish Oversight Committee at a future meeting.

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 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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**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**

**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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The SSC will meet Wednesday and Thursday, May 23-24, 2012 beginning at 10 a.m. on May 23 and conclude by 4 p.m. on May 24.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Pier V Hotel, 711 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: (410) 539-2000.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the SSC meeting includes: Review multi-year specifications for *Loligo* and *Illex* squid; reaffirm 2012 ABC recommendation for

butterfish; review performance of butterfish mortality cap program; make 2013-15 ABC recommendations for butterfish and Atlantic mackerel; review and adopt criteria for establishing multi-year ABC recommendations; review RSA funded projects for 2012; and receive report of the Ecosystems Subcommittee (review Ecosystem Guidance Document outline).

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**Special Accommodations**

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
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**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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a Methodology Review Panel May 29-31, 2012. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Methodology Review Panel will meet Tuesday, May 29 through Thursday, May 31, 2012. Business will begin the first day at 8:30 a.m., and will begin at 8 a.m. each subsequent day. Business will conclude each day at 5 p.m. or until business for the day is completed.