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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fishery regulations at 50 CFR 648.77(b) authorize the Regional Administrator of the Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP), shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, Kentucky, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the fishing year 2013 Federal surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to ITQ allocation holders in these fisheries from NMFS within the next several weeks.

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

Dated: October 12, 2012.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

*Deputy 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's (Council) Groundfish Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 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:** The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to continue development of Framework Adjustment 48 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will review all options that have been developed and may select preferred alternatives for this action. Measures in the framework include specifications for Fishing Year 2013-15, additional sub-Annual Catch Limits, measures that address monitoring issues for groundfish sectors, changes to accountability measures, recreational fishing measures, and measures that would allow limited access to existing year-round groundfish closed areas. The Committee will also review suggested Council priorities for 2013, and may develop recommendations for those priorities. The Committee will also consider developing possible mitigation measures for the low catch levels expected in Fishing Year 2013, such as recommending the Council pursue measures to increase landings of skates, dogfish, and monkfish. Committee recommendations will be considered by the Council at the November Council meeting. Other business may be discussed.

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.*

Dated: October 15, 2012.

**William D. Chappell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; 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 (Council) will hold a meeting of its Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel (AP) in North Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place November 7-8, 2012. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (843) 744-4422; fax: (843) 744-4472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the Snapper Grouper AP will meet from 9 a.m. on November 7, 2012, until 3 p.m. on November 8, 2012.

The meeting will address updates from the October 2012 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting, including: Results of the vermilion snapper and red porgy assessments and the yellowtail snapper benchmark assessment; and the probability of rebuilding for black sea bass. Additionally, the AP will receive updates on recently completed amendments and provide input on developing amendments, including: Regulatory Amendment 13, which would adjust Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) for unassessed snapper grouper species to incorporate revised recreational landings estimates based on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP); Regulatory Amendment 15, which contains measures that would allow future harvest of red snapper, adjust the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC), ACLs, and Annual Catch Target (ACT) for yellowtail snapper based on the most recent stock assessment as well as