

**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 Scallop Committee 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, September 24, 2014 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

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

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will review 2014 scallop survey results and preliminary recommendations from the Scallop Plan Development Team for FY 2015 and FY 2016 (default) fishery specifications (Framework 26). The Committee will also provide input on other measures under consideration in Framework 26: (1) Measures to allow fishing in state waters after federal Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) TAC is reached; (2) measures to make turtle regulations consistent in the scallop fishery; (3) measures to modify the existing area closure accountability measures in place for Georges Bank and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, and develop new accountability measures for northern windowpane flounder; and (4) consider an inshore transit corridor for limited access scallop vessels to declare out of the fishery. The Committee will also provide input on potential Council work priorities for 2015 related to the scallop management plan. The Council is

expected to discuss these issues at the September Council meeting.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, 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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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting (conference call) of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Coral Workshop Group via conference call.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. (E.S.T.) on Monday, September 22, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via conference call; <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/262891823>.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Morgan Kilgour, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630; fax: (813) 348–1711; email: [morgan.kilgour@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:morgan.kilgour@gulfcouncil.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

*Coral Workshop agenda, Monday, September 22, 2014, 10 a.m. E.S.T. (9 a.m. C.S.T.) until 12 p.m.*

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Council charge—“to determine the criteria and boundaries, and other

specifics for potential sites, and once that has been determined, that this group meet with representatives of any potentially impacted fisheries and members of law enforcement.”

3. Brief review of management options
  4. Presentation on previous methodology in Southern California
  5. Discuss criteria for identifying sites
    - a. Identify appropriate metrics (species richness, rarity, etc.)
    - b. Identify measurable units (e.g. lease blocks) for determining boundaries
  6. Identify potential data needs
    - a. Available data
    - b. Potential fishery interactions
    - c. Identify additional data that are needed
  7. Other Business
- Adjourn

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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.

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**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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