

from those applications that are deemed complete. A qualified applicant is an applicant that has submitted a complete application by the deadline (see **DATES**) and has met the selection criteria listed above. Qualified applicants are eligible to be selected to participate in the shark research fishery for 2015. The HMS Management Division will provide the list of qualified applicants without identifying information to the SEFSC. The SEFSC will then evaluate the list of qualified applicants and, based on the temporal and spatial needs of the research objectives, the availability of observers, the availability of qualified applicants, and the available quota for a given year, will randomly select qualified applicants to conduct the prescribed research. Where there are multiple qualified applicants that meet the criteria, permittees will be randomly selected through a lottery system. If a public meeting is deemed necessary, NMFS will announce details of a public selection meeting in a subsequent **Federal Register** notice.

Once the selection process is complete, NMFS will notify the selected applicants and issue the shark research fishery permits. The shark research fishery permits will be valid only in calendar year 2015. If needed, NMFS will communicate with the shark research fishery permit holders to arrange a captain's meeting to discuss the research objectives and protocols. NMFS held mandatory captain's meetings before observers were placed on vessels in both 2013 (78 FR 14515; March 6, 2013) and 2014 (79 FR 12155; March 4, 2014) and expects to hold one again in 2015. Once the fishery starts, the shark research fishery permit holders must contact the NMFS observer coordinator to arrange the placement of a NMFS-approved observer for each shark research trip.

A shark research fishery permit will only be valid for the vessel and owner(s) and terms and conditions listed on the permit, and, thus, cannot be transferred to another vessel or owner(s). Issuance of a shark research permit does not guarantee that the permit holder will be assigned a NMFS-approved observer on any particular trip. Rather, issuance indicates that a vessel may be issued a NMFS-approved observer for a particular trip, and on such trips, may be allowed to harvest Atlantic sharks, including sandbar sharks, in excess of the retention limits described in 50 CFR 635.24(a). These retention limits will be based on available quota, number of vessels participating in the 2015 shark research fishery, the research objectives set forth by the shark board, the extent of other restrictions placed on the

vessel, and may vary by vessel and/or location. When not operating under the auspices of the shark research fishery, the vessel would still be able to land LCS, SCS, and pelagic sharks subject to existing retention limits on trips without a NMFS-approved observer.

NMFS annually invites commercial shark permit holders (directed and incidental) to submit an application to participate in the shark research fishery. Permit applications can be found on the HMS Management Division's Web site at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/index.htm> or by calling (301) 427-8503. Final decisions on the issuance of a shark research fishery permit will depend on the submission of all required information by the deadline (see **DATES**), and NMFS' review of applicant information as outlined above. The 2015 shark research fishery will start after the opening of the shark fishery and under available quotas as published in a separate **Federal Register** final rule.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XD597**

#### New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 4-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday through Thursday, November 17-20, 2014. The Monday session will begin at 1 p.m., while the next three days will start at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel, 25 America's Cup Avenue, Newport, RI 02840; telephone: (401) 849-1000 and fax: (401) 849-3422. For online information about the venue [www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/pvdlw-newport-marriott/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/pvdlw-newport-marriott/).

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Monday, November 17, 2014

The Council meeting will begin with introductions, and brief reports from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and NOAA Law Enforcement, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and U.S. Coast Guard. Immediately after these reports, the Council will provide an opportunity for the public to present brief comments on items that are relevant to Council business but are otherwise not listed on the published agenda. The Monkfish Committee will update members on the development of alternatives for inclusion in Amendment 6 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and possibly the necessity of initiating a framework adjustment to expedite the implementation of several measures previously included in Amendment 6. The Council staff will present the annual monitoring report on the Northeast Skate Complex FMP and the day will end with a report from the Small Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) Committee. The committee will recommend approval of the 2015-17 specifications for the small-mesh multispecies (whiting) fishery. Although the formal Council meeting will adjourn, staff from the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office will present an overview and discuss the office's Strategic Plan at 5:45 p.m. or immediately following the conclusion of the Council's meeting.

##### Tuesday, November 18, 2014

The day will begin with an overview and summary of public comments on a NOAA/NMFS-led action that will affect all federally managed fisheries in the Northeast. The Council then intends to take final action on what is called the Vessel Baseline Omnibus Amendment. During this same morning session, the Council also expects to approve alternatives to be considered for inclusion in Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies or Groundfish FMP. The discussion will focus on accumulation limits and an inshore/

offshore line to address the concentration of fishing effort in the inshore Gulf of Maine. Next, the Scientific and Statistical Committee will report on its recommendations for overfishing limits and acceptable biological catch recommendations for Gulf of Maine cod, pollock, Gulf of Maine winter flounder, and Georges Bank winter flounder. Following a lunch break, the rest of the day will be spent reviewing and taking final action on Framework Adjustment 53 to the Groundfish FMP. The framework addresses three major topics: (1) Status changes (Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock) and specifications for several groundfish stocks (Gulf of Maine cod and haddock; Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank winter flounder; pollock; and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder); (2) windowpane flounder sub-annual catch limit (ACLs) for sectors, common pool; and the sea scallop fishery; and (3) other management measures, including additional spatial protection for spawning Gulf of Maine cod, and possibly additional measures for that stock, a roll-over provision for fishery specifications, and annual catch entitlement carryover provisions for sectors.

#### Wednesday, November 19, 2014

The Council intends to use this day to complete its work on Framework Adjustment 53.

#### Thursday, November 20, 2014

The final day of the Council's meeting will begin with a report from its Sea Scallop Committee. Based on the committee's recommendations, the Council expects to take final action on Framework Adjustment 26 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. The action includes fishery specifications for 2015 and default measures for 2016, including days-at-sea allocations, access area allocations and limited access general category fishery allocations. A number of other issues are under consideration for inclusion in the action. Prior to a lunch break, the NEFMC will begin a final round of discussions and approve its management priorities for 2015. The Risk Policy Working Group will ask for approval of a draft policy statement and briefly discuss steps to apply the policy across all NEFMC fishery management plans. Finally, the Observer Committee will provide an update on the development of an Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment request approval of alternatives for inclusion in the action. The meeting will adjourn once any other outstanding business has been addressed.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 that 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 Thomas A. Nies (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 28, 2014.

#### Tracey L. Thompson,

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held November 17-21, 2014. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m., November 17, and continue through Friday November 21, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, NMML Room 2039 (GOA Plan Team) and Traynor Room 2076 (BS/AI Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

*Council Address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, NPFMC; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Plan Teams will compile and review the annual Groundfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports, (including the Economic Report, the Ecosystems Consideration Chapter, and the stock assessments for BSAI and GOA groundfishes), and recommend final groundfish harvest specifications for 2015/16.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds products to the Procurement List that will be furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 12/1/2014

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 10800, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4149.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Briscoe, Telephone: (703) 603-