

document number for the catch certificate or re-export certificate. Examples of the types of scanned images that will be submitted to the DIS are: the international statistical documents pertaining to the harvest, re-export documents for product imported and re-exported from another country before shipment to the United States, or other specific and required catch/harvest documentation pertaining to the product being exported. Note that in cases where an electronic bluefin tuna catch document (eBCD) has been created in the centralized system implemented by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, a reduced data set consisting of the eBCD number and the exporter permit number would suffice as an export filing, without need for any forms submitted via DIS.

For information regarding fish products regulated by NMFS and data, information, forms and documents required by NMFS, see the implementation guidelines for the NMFS at: <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/aes>.

#### V. Test Participation Criteria and Participation Procedure

Any party seeking to participate in this test must provide CBP, in their request to participate, their filer code and the port(s) at which they are interested in filing the appropriate PGA data set and DIS information. Requests to participate in this test will be accepted throughout the duration of the test. To be eligible to apply for this test, the applicant must be a self-filing exporter who has the ability to file AES export declarations or a broker who has the ability to file AES export declarations; and the applicant files declarations for NMFS commodities that are the subject of this test. All test participants are required to use a software program that has completed ACE certification testing for export data. At this time, data and DIS submissions may be submitted for exports filed at any operational port. Test participants should contact their client representative regarding export declarations eligible for the test and operational ports (see **ADDRESSES**). A current listing of the participating ports and the date each port becomes operational for the test may be found on the designated Web site (see **DATES**).

#### VI. Anticipated Process Changes

The current paper process for reporting exports under the NMFS Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and the Antarctic Marine Living Resources (AMLR) Programs will be replaced by

the submittal of data and scanned document images through a combination of AESTIR data transmission and DIS. A proposed rule to address this planned transition was published on December 29, 2015 (80 FR 81251). This test covers communication and coordination among the agencies and the filers for the exportation of these fisheries products. The agencies will also be testing new operational processes in real time with actual ACE filings in the production environment that include test messages to communicate errors in filing and release status updates to the port and to the filer.

#### VII. Confidentiality

All data submitted and entered into ACE is subject to the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. 1905) and is considered confidential, except to the extent as otherwise provided by law. As stated in previous notices, participation in this or any of the previous ACE tests is not confidential and upon a written Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a name(s) of an approved participant(s) will be disclosed by CBP in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552.

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**Jeffrey Weir,**

*Acting Director, Office for International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, 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 of public meeting.

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

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 21, 22, and 23, 2016. It will start at 9 a.m. on June 21, 8:30 a.m. on June 22, and at 8 a.m. on June 23.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring

Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (800) 345-5050; or online at <http://www.innbythebay.com/>. *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, ext. 113.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Tuesday, June 21, 2016*

After introductions and any announcements, the Council meeting will open with brief reports from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Regional Administrator for the Greater Atlantic Region (GAR), Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and Office of Law Enforcement representatives, and staff from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the U.S. Coast Guard. Following these reports, the Enforcement/VMS Committee will review feedback from other species committees on the Office of Law Enforcement's priorities, as well as recommendations on other issues. A public comment period is then scheduled during which any member of the public may bring issues forward that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. Next, BOEM will update the Council on the status of offshore wind leasing in the Atlantic and discuss a request for comments on the site assessment and site characterization activities proposed off NY. After a lunchbreak, the NEFMC's Small Mesh Multispecies will review a progress report on the small-mesh multispecies (whiting/hake) fishery fleet history to develop limited access alternatives for Amendment 22, and reconsider proceeding with development of this action. Next, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center will provide a presentation on its Draft Climate Regional Action Plan. Under the Scientific and Statistical Committee report the Council will receive an update on SSC discussions about improving groundfish catch advice, provide its comments on the Risk Policy Working Group's "roadmap," its comments on the five-year review of the scallop limited access general category ITQ program, and comments on the Draft Northeast Regional Climate Science Action Plan. Before adjourning

for the day the Council will develop NEFMC comments on this plan.

*Wednesday, June 22, 2016*

The second day of the meeting will begin with a review of NOAA Fisheries' proposed rule for Atlantic sturgeon critical habitat. During this morning session, the Scallop Committee will discuss initiating Framework Adjustment 28—fishery specifications for 2017–18, and discuss management alternatives that may be considered in the action. These will include measures to: (1) Restrict the possession of shell stock inshore of the days-at-sea demarcation line north of 42°20' N; (2) modify the process for setting scallop fishery annual catch limits; (3) modify scallop access areas consistent with potential changes to habitat and groundfish mortality closed areas; and (4) modify gear to further protect small scallops. The committee also will ask for approval of priorities for the 2017–18 research set-aside program (RSA). The Council may also discuss modifying its Scallop RSA policy. The Groundfish Committee will then review a progress report on a draft white paper about monitoring strategies for the commercial groundfish fishery. The committee will ask the Council to initiate Framework Adjustment 56, an action to set specifications for the US/CA stocks and witch flounder for fishing years 2017–18, modify the process used to set recreational management measures, establish a sub-annual catch limit for northern windowpane flounder in the scallop fishery, allocate northern windowpane flounder to groundfish sectors, modify the groundfish monitoring program, and possibly other measures. The committee will ask for approval of the range of alternatives to consider in a framework adjustment that would revise the Georges Bank haddock catch cap for the herring fishery and associated accountability measures. After lunch the Council will continue with the groundfish report and complete the discussion of the Georges Bank haddock catch cap in the Atlantic herring fishery. Last, the Atlantic Herring Committee will review outcomes of a recent workshop on an Atlantic herring acceptable biological catch control rule management strategy evaluation (MSE), and approve fishery objectives, performance metrics and features of control rules to be evaluated in the MSE.

*Thursday, June 23, 2016*

The final meeting day will begin with the Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment. The Council intends to select preferred alternatives

for monitoring coverage targets in the Atlantic herring fishery and approve the draft Environmental Assessment for public comment. The Council chair will then give an update on the recent Trawl Survey Advisory Panel meeting. The Council will review an update to NOAA's Catch Share Guidance document and review/approve any new NEFMC comments on the revised draft, if necessary. The Council will discuss and approve comments on the Northeast Regional Planning Body's draft Northeast Regional Ocean Plan. Lastly, the Risk Policy Working Group will review final guidance on implementation of the NEFMC's approved risk policy. The Council will adjourn after it addresses any other outstanding business during the afternoon of June 23rd.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject 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: May 31, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Sites Added to the Inventory of Possible Areas for Designation as New National Marine Sanctuaries

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of sites added to the Sanctuary Nomination Process inventory of possible areas for

designation as new national marine sanctuaries.

**SUMMARY:** On June 13, 2014, NOAA published a final rule re-establishing the Sanctuary Nomination Process (SNP) which allows communities to submit nominations to NOAA for consideration as new national marine sanctuaries. The rule included the final review process, national significance criteria, and management considerations that NOAA uses to evaluate community nominations for inclusion in the inventory of areas that could be considered for designation as national marine sanctuaries. The rule also states that NOAA will publish a **Federal Register** notice when areas have been added to the inventory. This notice announces that NOAA has added four sanctuary nominations to the SNP inventory between June 2014 and April 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Annie Sawabini, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring MD 20910.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

The National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to identify and designate as national marine sanctuaries areas of the marine environment, including the Great Lakes, which are of special national significance; to manage these areas as the National Marine Sanctuary System; and to provide for the comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management of these areas and the activities affecting them in a manner which complements existing regulatory authorities. Section 303 of the NMSA provides national marine sanctuary designation standards and factors required in determining whether an area qualifies for consideration as a potential national marine sanctuary, and section 304 establishes procedures for national marine sanctuary designation and implementation. Regulations implementing the NMSA and each national marine sanctuary are codified in Part 922 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

On June 28, 2013, NOAA issued a proposed rule to re-establish the Sanctuary Nomination Process (SNP) and requested public comment on the proposed amendments to ONMS regulations (78 FR 38848). On June 13, 2014, NOAA issued a final rule addressing the nearly 18,000 comments NOAA received on the proposed rule, and finalized the national significance criteria, management considerations,