

on Thursday, May 18, 2017 and adjourn whenever business is complete.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Beauport Hotel Gloucester, 55 Commercial Street, Gloucester MA 01930; telephone: (978) 282-0008.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.; email: tnies@nefmc.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation (MSA) and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA) established the CCC by amending section 302 (16 U.S.C. 1852) of the MSA. The committee consists of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils authorized by the MSA or other Council members or staff. NEFMC will host this meeting and provide reports to the CCC for its information and discussion. All sessions are open to the public. NMFS or other Council items of discussion for each individual management committee agenda are as follows:

Agenda

Tuesday, May 16, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

- Welcome and Introductions;
- NMFS update and 2017 priorities;
- Council round robin of current issues;
- Electronic monitoring/electronic reporting cost monitoring;
- Legislative update and MSA Reauthorization; and
- National Monuments and Marine Sanctuaries.

—Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, May 17, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Overview of recent legal actions;
- NOAA Conflict of Interest Policy Guidance;
- Update on science policy issues: Best Scientific Information Available and the Stock Assessment Improvement Program;
- Recreational fisheries update;
- Recreational catch monitoring alternatives and issues; and
- Enforcement activities of the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA Office of Law Enforcement.

—Adjourn for the day

Thursday, May 18, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

- National Standard 1 Questions and Clarifications;
- FY 2017 Management and Budget Update;
- Fishery Independent Data Funding Outlook;
- International negotiations and appointments;
- Regulatory review issues;
- CCC Work Group reports and planning; and
- Other business and wrap-up; future meeting plans.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issues. The CCC will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

In addition to the main CCC meeting, there will be a concurrent meeting of the deputy director or a senior staff member from each Council. This group will share information on Council administrative practices and will report to the CCC on Thursday, May 18.

The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded and a transcript prepared. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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: April 27, 2017.

Emily H. Menashes,

Acting 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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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 Habitat Protection

and Ecosystem-Based Management (Habitat) Advisory Panel (AP) in Charleston, SC. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Wednesday, May 17, 2017, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (800) 334-6660 or (843) 571-1000

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be addressed or sessions to be conducted during this meeting include: The Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) II and Essential Fish Habitat (EFH); Draft EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs; Habitat and Ecosystem Tools supporting FEP II; National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Permit/Policy Activities; a presentation by the Sargasso Sea Commission; the South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Conservation Blueprint- refining indicators and linkages to FEP II; and proposed South Atlantic deepwater coral mapping.

Members of the AP will discuss items and provide recommendations as appropriate.

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

Dated: April 27, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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