

Agenda

Monday, June 5, 2017 Through Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Council and AP Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues, as well as an executive session. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

- (1) Executive Director's Report
- (2) NMFS Management Report
(including reports on Best Scientific Information Available and Stock Assessment Improvement Plan, EFH Consultation report)
- (3) NOAA Enforcement Report
(including review of draft OLE National Priorities)
- (4) ADF&G Report
- (5) USCG Report
- (6) USFWS Report
- (7) IPHC Report
- (8) 2016 Observer Annual Report and OAC Report
- (9) Lead Level 2 Observers
- (10) Area 4 Halibut IFQ Leasing
- (11) BSAI yellowfin Sole TLAS Fishery Limited Entry
- (12) Halibut Abundance-based PSC Limits; Candidate Performance Metrics
- (13) Squid to Ecosystem Component Category
- (14) BSAI Crab Harvest Specifications for 3 Stocks and PT Report
- (15) Five-Year Research Priorities
- (16) AFA and Non-AFA Small Sideboard Elimination
- (17) GOA Crab Habitat Conservation Measures
- (18) Allocation Review Triggers

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Observer Annual Report
- (2) BSAI Crab Specifications
- (3) Halibut ABM Performance Metrics
- (4) Social Science Planning Team TOR: Reports on Best Scientific Information Available and Stock Assessment Improvement Plan
- (5) Five-Year Research Priorities

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Councils primary peer review panel for scientific information as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

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Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the

Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions 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 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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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 (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific & Statistical 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 Thursday, May 25, 2017 beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; phone: (617) 567-6789.

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:**Agenda**

The Committee will receive updates on the Council's progress on developing Ecosystem-based Fishery Management (EBFM), and provide comments to the Council on the Council's draft 5-year research recommendations, and the NMFS draft Stock Assessment Improvement Program. Depending on progress, the Committee also will receive an update on the development of terms of reference for operational stock assessments for which assessment models are not feasible. Other business will be discussed as needed.

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 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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting and hearing.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its American Samoa