

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

[RTID 0648-XA036]

**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 Advisory Panel 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, February 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (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 Scallop Advisory Panel will receive an update on Framework Adjustment 32 submission and 2020 scallop work priorities. The panel plans to discuss 2019 fishery performance and outlook for 2020. They will also talk about Amendment 21: Reviewing progress in 2019 and discuss outlook for 2020. They also plan to review Plan Development Team (PDT) progress on Committee tasking and develop input on range of alternatives. The focus on this discussion will primarily be about Northern Gulf of Maine measures. The Advisory Panel and Committee will have additional discussion on Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) trip limits and the one-way transfer of IFQ from Limited Access (LA) to LAGC at the March 26 and 27, 2020 meetings. They plan to discuss modifications to scallop dredge exemption areas, status of type-approved vessel monitoring system (VMS) units, and implications of larger crew limits on trips to the Nantucket Lightship South Deep (NLS-

S-deep) area on ability of vessels to carry observers (lift raft capacity). Other business may be discussed as necessary.

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**

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. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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

Dated: February 7, 2020.

**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 Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate Change Taskforce will meet February 26, 2020 through February 28, 2020.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 27, 2020 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 28, 2020, Alaska Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held both in Anchorage and Seattle at the following locations: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 West Third Ave., Suite 400, and at the

Alaska Fishery Science Center (room TBD), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115. For those unable to attend the meeting in person, you can access the meeting via audio/video conferencing. Access information posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1303> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2806.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

*Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Through Friday, February 28, 2020*

The agenda will include (a) develop conceptual framework; (b) revise workplan and develop one page briefing reports in preparation for climate knowledge briefing in May; (c) begin development of ecological and socio economic indicators of climate change; (d) other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1303> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1303> or through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone (907) 271-2809.

**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.

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

Dated: February 7, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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