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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA076]

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 joint public meeting of its Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee and Plan Development Team 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 Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (774) 634-2000.

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 and Plan Development Team will meet with a Science Communicator to discuss development of Public Outreach material based on the Council's example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank and the CIE peer review of a previous "worked example". They will also identify characteristics of a more tangible "worked example" to be developed by the Plan Development Team for use in Public Outreach. The Committee and Plan Development Team will give a preliminary update of the Ecosystem Status Report to be presented

to the Council in April. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on 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 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. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. 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.

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

Dated: March 11, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings and comment period.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold five public hearings in March and April 2020 to solicit public input on an amendment to the Council's Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The amendment focuses on the FMP's goals and objectives as well as permitting in the *Illex* squid fishery. The Council is soliciting written comments on the amendment through April 20, 2020.

DATES: March 2020 and April 2020 public hearings. Comments are due on

April 20, 2020. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific hearing dates.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for hearing addresses.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

Comments: Comments will be taken at all hearings. Written comments may also be submitted via the following methods with the subject "MSB Goals and *Illex* Permits":

—Email to jdidden@mafmc.org

—Via webform at: <http://www.mafmc.org/comments/illex-permitting-msb-goals-amendment>

—Mail to Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901

—Fax to Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council at (302) 674-5399

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, www.mafmc.org also has details on the meetings and background materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Hearing Locations—The Council will hold five public hearings:

1. *Monday, March 30, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Mass. Dept. Marine Fisheries; Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Field Station; 30 Emerson Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930; phone: (978) 282-0308.

2. *Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Corless Auditorium, University of Rhode Island Bay Campus; 215 South Ferry Road; Narragansett, RI 02882; phone: (401) 874-6440.

3. *Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Gurney's Inn; 290 Old Montauk Highway; Montauk, NY 11954; phone: (631) 668-2345.

4. *Thursday, April 2, 2020, 6 p.m.;* Grand Hotel of Cape May; 1045 Beach Ave; Cape May, NJ 08204; 800-257-8550.

5. *Monday, April 13, 2020, 6 p.m.;* This meeting will be conducted via webinar accessible via the internet from the Council's website, <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/illex-permitting-msb-goals-amendment>. The Virginia Marine Resources Commission will also provide in-person access to the webinar at its office at: 380 Fenwick Road, Ft. Monroe, VA 23651; phone: (757) 247-2200.

Background

This amendment considers (A) revisions to the MSB FMP goals and