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Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to each workshop.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE638

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 Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan Airport, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 571-5478; fax: (617) 561-0798.

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 Advisory Panel will review the general workload for 2016 based on Council priorities and a draft action plan for Scallop Framework 28 (FW28) and potentially identify recommendations for prioritizing work items in upcoming actions. The Advisory Panel will also review progress on potential management measures that may be included in FW28, including: (1) Measures to restrict the possession of shell stock inshore of 42°20' N.; (2) Modifications to the process for setting scallop fishery annual catch limits (ACL flowchart); (3) Measures to modify scallop access areas consistent with potential changes to habitat and groundfish mortality closed areas; and (4) Development of gear modifications to further protect small scallops. The Advisory Panel will provide research recommendations for the 2017/18 Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) federal funding announcement and potentially discuss other RSA policies and program details. The Advisory Panel will give a brief update on the required five-year review of the limited access general category IFQ program. Other business may be discussed.

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 this meeting. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet June 6 through June 14, 2016.

DATES: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the Pavilion Room, Kodiak Convention Center on Wednesday, June 8, continuing through Tuesday, June 14, 2016. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Harbor Room, Kodiak Best Western on Monday, June 6 and continue through Wednesday, June 8, 2016. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, June 7, and continue through Saturday, June 11, 2016. The Enforcement Committee will meet in the Stellar Room, Kodiak Convention Center (time and date to be determined). The Legislative Committee will meet in the Pavilion Room (time and date to be determined).

ADDRESSES: The Council meeting will be held at the Kodiak Harbor Convention Center, 236 Rezanof Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615. The SSC will meet at the Kodiak Best Western, 236 Rezanof Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615. The AP will meet at the Elks Lodge, 102 W. Marine Way, Kodiak, AK 99615.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, June 6, 2016 Through Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

- (1) Executive Director's Report
- (2) NMFS Management Report (including update on recusal determination)

- (3) NOAA Enforcement Report
- (4) ADF&G Report
- (5) USCG Report
- (6) USFWS Report
- (7) Protected Species Report
- (8) NPRB Report
- (9) Observer Program (a) Annual Report
(b) Estimation Methods for Variance—(SSC only), and (c) Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) Report
- (10) Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab Plan Team Report
- (11) BSAI 10-Year-Review
- (12) Tanner Crab Custom Processing Cap
- (13) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Trawl Bycatch Management
- (14) Squid to Ecosystem Component Category
- (15) Determine Research Priorities
- (16) Electronic Monitoring (EM)—Review Analytical Components (SSC Only)
- (17) Pacific Cod Stock Assessment Models (SSC Only)
- (18) Staff Tasking

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Observer Program—Estimation Methods for Variance
- (2) Electronic Monitoring (EM)—Review Analytical Components
- (3) Pacific Cod Stock Assessment Models
- (4) BSAI Crab Plan Team Report
- (5) BSAI Crab 10-Year-Review
- (6) Tanner Crab Custom Processing Cap
- (7) Squid to Ecosystem Component Category
- (8) Research Priorities

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's 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.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Data Collection Technical Committee.

DATES: The meeting will convene Monday, June 6, 2016, from 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Council's office.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Froeschke, Fishery Biologist-Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; john.froeschke@gulfcouncil.org; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

The Data Collection Technical Committee will meet to discuss options to implement electronic reporting of fisheries data in the Gulf of Mexico for-hire sector and provide recommendations to the Gulf Council at the June 2016 Council meeting. The objectives are to improve timeliness and data quality of fisheries data from the federal for-hire sector that will be used to support fisheries science and management. The Committee will receive an overview of the electronic reporting program for federally permitted headboats and a presentation describing decision points (e.g., technology used, reporting frequency and data to be collected) in a potential program for federally permitted Gulf of Mexico for-hire vessels. The committee is expected to discuss and provide feedback on the decision points raised in the presentations and provide

recommendations based upon the strengths, limitations, and value of the various electronic reporting program options under consideration.

Meeting Adjourns

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's Web site and click on the File Server link in the lower left of the Council Web site (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "Data Collection Technical Committee".

The meeting will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's Web site, <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Technical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Technical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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