

summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass and make recommendations on the development of amendments to the plan.

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Richard W. Surdi,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling public meetings of its Social Sciences Advisory Panel, Groundfish Advisory Panel and Groundfish Oversight Committee in December, 1998 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The Social Sciences Advisory Panel will consider issues involving the quality of economic and social impact analyses used in Council fishery management plans (FMPs). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held as follows:

1. December 2, 1998, 9:30 a.m., East Boston, MA.
2. December 15-16, 1998, 9:30 a.m., Peabody, MA.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. East Boston—Holiday Inn Boston Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 569-5250.

2. Peabody—Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Wednesday, December 2, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Social Sciences Advisory Panel Meeting

The Panel will evaluate the socio-economic data used to develop the Social and Economic Impact Analyses contained in the Monkfish FMP and in the whiting amendment to the Northeast Multispecies FMP and will recommend improvements for future analyses. It also will identify data collection requirements for the Annual Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) Report.

Tuesday, December 15, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting

The Panel will develop advice to Groundfish Committee on options under consideration for Framework Adjustment 27, the 1999 annual plan adjustment to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, including measures that will be identified by the Council at its December 9-10 meeting.

Wednesday, December 16, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Review the December 15, 1998 Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting report; develop recommendations to the Council for Framework Adjustment 27 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, including measures that will be identified by the Council at its December 9-10 meeting.

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Bruce C. Morehead,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) ad-hoc policy committee for developing goals and objectives for a long-term technical assessment of non-catch salmon mortalities in Council salmon fisheries will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 1998, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Conference Room, 45 SE 82nd Drive, Suite 100, Gladstone, OR; telephone: (503) 650-5400.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Coon, Salmon Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to begin developing goals and objectives for a long-term technical assessment of non-catch mortalities in Council fisheries.

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Special Accommodations

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

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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Marine Reserves, Snapper Grouper, Advisory Panel Selection, Dolphin/Wahoo, and Habitat Committees; and a Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from November 30-December 4, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn, 1701 South Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC; telephone: (800) 635-1824; (252) 441-2151.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: susan.buchanan@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Meeting Dates**

November 30, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Marine Reserves Committee;

The Marine Reserves Committee will review results of the marine reserves workshop, review and revise the council's action plan regarding the use of reserves, revise the draft criteria for

developing reserves, and develop committee recommendations regarding the Council's Marine Reserves Advisory Panel composition;

December 1, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee;

The committee will hear presentations on assessments for red porgy, gag, and greater amberjack. The committee will also hear reports on the following: compliance with minimum size limits, information from last year's fishermen logbook reports, information concerning the experimental closed area of the Oculina Bank, and the status of golden tilefish and snowy grouper quotas. The committee will also take action on the seasonal framework as needed and hear the status of Snapper Grouper Amendments 8 and 9 and the emergency request for Amendment 9;

December 1, 1998, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Advisory Panel Selection Committee (Closed Session);

The committee will review applications from those wishing to serve on Council advisory panels and develop recommendations for appointments to these panels;

December 2, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Dolphin/Wahoo Committee;

NMFS will present the committee with the status of the Council's request to be designated true lead in dolphin and wahoo management as well as the status of the data request the Council submitted for dolphin and wahoo landings. The committee will then review the Dolphin/Wahoo Workshop Report and review and revise the options paper regarding possible dolphin/wahoo management actions;

December 2, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; December 3, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Habitat Committee;

NMFS will present the committee with the status of the Habitat Plan and the Habitat Comprehensive Amendment. The committee will then hear presentations on sargassum;

December 3, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Council Session;

The Council will hear the following Committee reports: Habitat, Snapper Grouper, Marine Reserves, and Advisory Panel Selection (Closed Session):

At 1:45 p.m., the Council will hear public comment on the Sargassum Plan before taking action to modify and approve the plan;

At 2:45 p.m., the Council will hear public comment on any proposed framework measures for the snapper grouper fishery before approving such measures as necessary;

At 4:15 p.m., the Council will review the Mackerel Advisory Panel request to allow the retention of Spanish mackerel in the gillnet fishery for spot and take action on this issue;

At 5:15 p.m., the Council will meet in closed session to appoint new advisory panel members;

December 4, 1998, 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.—Council Session;

The Council will hear the Dolphin/Wahoo Committee report, hear the status of the live rock aquaculture program, and NMFS reports on: The Report to Congress on overfished species, implementation of Snapper Grouper Amendment 8, Snapper Grouper Amendment 9 and the emergency regulations on Amendment 9, Golden Crab Framework #1, the 1998-1999 Mackerel Framework action, Mackerel Amendment 9, and status on quotas for the following species: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (Eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, wreckfish, and South Atlantic octocorals. The Council will also review the NMFS Highly Migratory Species Swordfish and Billfish Amendments and comment on the proposed regulations.

The Council will also hear reports on the International Conservation of Atlantic Tunas program, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, the Council/NMFS operations plan meeting, and agency and liaison reports before discussing other business.

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Special Accommodations

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Bruce C. Morehead,

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