

Council

Thursday, June 5, 2008—The Council meeting will begin at 8:30 am with a review of the agenda and minutes. From 8:45 am–9:45 am on Proposed Rule Integrating Magnuson-Stevens Act and NEPA; From 9:45 am–10:45 am public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any; An Open Public Comment Period regarding any fishery issue of concern will be immediately following completion of public testimony for one hour. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period. The Council will review and discuss reports from the previous two days' committee meetings as follows: 1 pm–3 pm—Reef Fish Management; 3 pm–3:15 pm—Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum; 3:15 pm–3:45 pm—Administrative Policy; 3:45 pm–4 pm—Outreach & Education; 4 pm–4:30 pm—Ad Hoc Allocation; 4:30 pm–4:45 pm—Stone Crab/Spiny Lobster. The Council will discuss Other Business items from 4:45 pm–5:45 pm. The Council will conclude its meeting at 5:45 pm.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the M-SFCMA, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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

RIN 0648–XH93

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 Groundfish Oversight Committee in June, 2008 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 Monday, June 2, 2008 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775–2311; fax: (207) 772–4017.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will meet to review Draft Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and its accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This amendment is being developed to continue groundfish rebuilding plans. The Committee will also receive reports from the Groundfish Advisory Panel and the Recreational Advisory Panel. After considering the advice of the Advisory Panels and reviewing the draft amendment and DEIS, the Committee may identify preferred management measure alternatives from the options in the document. The Committee may also suggest modifications to the measures text or the analyses of impacts. The Committee decisions will be reported to the full Council at a meeting on June 4, 2008.

There is a possibility that this meeting may be cancelled. The Committee is also scheduled to meet May 13, 2008 to discuss Amendment 16. If the Committee decides that it has completed its work on the amendment at that meeting, the meeting on June 2,

2008 may be cancelled. Notice to the public will be provided via the **Federal Register** and on the Council's web page (www.nefmc.org) if this occurs.

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 Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at 978–465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) and Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel (HMSAS) will hold work sessions, which are open to the public.

DATES: The HMSMT work session will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2008; the HMSMT and HMSAS will begin meeting jointly at 1:30 p.m. on the same day and continue until 5:30 p.m. The joint meeting of the HMSMT and HMSAS will resume on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. and continue until the two committees finish their joint discussions. The committees will

then meet separately until business is completed.

ADDRESSES: The work sessions will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Offices, Conference Rooms 1 & 2, 6010 Hidden Valley Rd., Carlsbad, CA 92011; telephone: (760) 431-9440.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HMSMT/HMSAS work sessions will discuss preparation of the HMS stock assessment and fishery evaluation (SAFE) report, 2009-10 HMS biennial harvest specifications, Magnuson-Stevens Act re-authorization implementation, international fisheries issues, management concepts for the high seas shallow-set longline fishery, and research and data related issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Standard Operating, Policy and Procedure (SOPPs) Committee, Advisory Panel Selection Committee (Closed Session), Ecosystem-based Management Committee, Shrimp Committee, Spiny Lobster Committee, Limited Access Privilege (LAP) Program Committee, Allocation Committee, SSC Selection Committee (Closed Session), Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee, Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel, and a meeting of the full Council. The Council will also hold a public comment session regarding Amendment 15B to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) addressing the sale of bag limit snapper grouper species, methods to reduce the effects of incidental hooking on sea turtles and smalltooth sawfish, commercial permit renewal periods and transferability requirements, implementation of a plan to monitor and access bycatch, establishment of reference points, such as Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) and Optimum Yield (OY) for golden tilefish, and establishment of allocations for snowy grouper and red porgy. In addition, the Council will hold a public comment session regarding Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP addressing measures to end overfishing for gag grouper and vermilion snapper and interim allocations of these two species for commercial and recreational fisheries. The Council will also hold a public comment for emergency or interim measures to address overfishing of red snapper if the Council proposes such. A presentation on the Lenfest Ocean Report regarding Annual Catch Limits will be given as part of the Council meeting. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details.

DATES: The meetings will be held in June 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel, 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, FL, 32812; telephone: (1-800) 228-9290 or (407) 240-1000. Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. *Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting: June 8, 2008, 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.; June 9, 2008 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., and June 10, 2008 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m (Concurrent Sessions)*

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will review and provide recommendations for the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and the Comprehensive Ecosystem Amendment (CEA). The FEP will act as a source document for subsequent CEAs to various species-based management plans. The first CEA updates existing Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) information to address the EFH Final Rule and to meet the 5-year review required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and addresses the designation of deepwater coral HAPCs.

The SSC will also review and provide recommendations for Amendment 7 to the Shrimp FMP addressing rock shrimp endorsement requirements for the South Atlantic, the Shrimp Review Panel Report addressing the status of pink shrimp, and the multi-council Spiny Lobster Import Amendment. In addition, the SSC will review and provide recommendations regarding Snapper Grouper Amendment 15B (bag limit sales and other measures), Snapper Grouper Amendment 16 (measures to end overfishing for gag grouper and vermilion snapper), Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 (addressing overfishing levels and Allowable Biological Catch recommendations), SEDAR assessments on red snapper, greater amberjack, and mutton snapper, and Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 addressing overfishing for red snapper.

2. *SOPPs Committee Meeting: June 9, 2008, 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.*

The SOPPs Committee will receive an update on the review of the Council's SOPPs by the Secretary of Commerce and develop changes if necessary.

3. *Advisory Panel Selection Committee Meeting (Closed Session): June 9, 2008, 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.*

The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will meet in Closed Session to review applications and develop recommendations for appointment.