

Data Collection Committee Agenda, Monday, January 26, 2015, 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon:

- Discussion of Technical Subcommittee for Electronic Charter Boat Reporting Recommendations
- Review and Discussion of Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Calibration
- Review and Discussion of MRIP Red Snapper Workshop
- Electronic Monitoring/Electronic Reporting Implementation Plan

—Recess—

Reef Fish Management Committee Agenda, Monday, January 26, 2015, 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

- Review of Red Snapper Update Assessment
- Reevaluation of Gag Overfishing Limits (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for 2015–16
- Review of Mutton Snapper Update Assessment
- Review of Draft Amendment 39—Red Snapper Recreational Regional Management
- Review of Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 28—Red Snapper Allocation
- Review of Greater Amberjack Draft Framework Action
- Report of the Ad Hoc For-hire Red Snapper AP
- Final Action—Framework Action to Adjust Recreational For-Hire Red Snapper Management Measures
- Review of Options Paper to Update Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Reef Fish Stocks with Low Natural Mortality
- Discussion of Red Snapper Poaching by Mexican Lanchas

—Recess—

Reef Fish Management Committee Agenda, Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

- Continuation of the previous day's agenda

—Recess—

Immediately following committee recess Dr. Crabtree will hold a Red Snapper Update and Question & Answer Session.

Mackerel Management Committee Agenda, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.:

- Discussion of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment Renumbering
- Review of SEDAR 38—Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King Mackerel Stock Assessment Report
- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 24 Scoping Document—South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Allocations
- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 26 Scoping

Document—Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King Mackerel Allocations and Mixing Zone Delineation

- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 28 Scoping Document—Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Permit Split
- Discussion of Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel Gill Net Fishery Issues

Gulf SEDAR Management Committee Agenda, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 11:30 a.m. until 12 noon:

- Review of SEDAR Schedule

—Recess—

Council Session Agenda, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

- 1:30 p.m.–1:40 p.m.: Call to Order and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes
- 1:40 p.m.–1:50 p.m.: The Council will receive an update on Red Drum
- 1:50 p.m.–2:50 p.m.: The Council will receive a briefing regarding the NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy and discuss Council Member SEDAR Workshop for June 2015.

—Recess—

- 3 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: The Council will receive public testimony on Final Action—Framework Action to Adjust Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Management Measures and Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 28—Red Snapper Allocation; and open public comment period regarding other fishery issues or concerns. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

—Recess—

Council Session Agenda, Thursday, January 29, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.:

- 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: The Council will receive a committee report from the Reef Fish Management Committee
- 1 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: The Council will receive committee reports from the Data Collection Management Committee, Gulf SEDAR Management Committee, Administrative Policy Committee and Mackerel Management Committee.

- 3:30 p.m.–4 p.m.: The Council will review Other Business items: Financial Disclosure Requirements.

—Adjourn—

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 3-day meeting on January 27–29, 2015 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 through Thursday, January 29, 2015, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 27; and

8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, January 28 and 29.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 431-7805. For online information see www.sheratonportsmouth.com/.

Council Address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

The Council meeting will begin with introductions and brief reports from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director (to include a review and approval of an updated version of the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures), the NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and NOAA Law Enforcement, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), U.S. Coast Guard and the Northeast Regional Ocean Council. A brief closed session will follow during which the Council will approve Scientific and Statistical Committee appointments for 2015-17. The Council will then provide an opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on items that are relevant to Council business but otherwise not listed on the published agenda.

During the afternoon session, the Council expects to discuss and determine an appropriate level of Council participation with ASFMC during the development of management measures for the Jonah Crab fishery in the EEZ. The Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program staff (ACCS) will provide an overview of its integrated data collection and distribution systems that are conducted in partnership with NOAA Fisheries, including dealer data collection and vessel trip reporting. During the a discussion of measures that will address recreational groundfish fishery activities, the Council will discuss recommendations for proactive accountability measures for Gulf of Maine haddock and Gulf of Maine cod for fishing year 2015. The day will close with a report, the Performance of the Northeast Multispecies Groundfish Fishery, May 2013-April 2014 to be

presented by Northeast Fisheries Science Center staff.

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

The NEFMC Herring Committee will ask the Council to cover several issues that will continue until after the lunch break. They are as follows: (1) An update on the industry-based river herring bycatch avoidance program; (2) an update on the River Herring Technical Expert Working Group process, its timeline, and products; (3) a review of the NEFMC staff discussion document that addresses considerations related to adding river herring and shad as stocks in the Atlantic herring fishery; and (4) consideration and possible approval of related Herring Committee recommendations. The recommendations address cooperative research priorities for any research set-aside that may be allocated in 2016-18 during the Atlantic herring fishery specifications process; and approval of a scoping document for an amendment to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan that will address control rules for the Atlantic herring fishery to account for herring's role as forage in the ecosystem. During the remainder of the afternoon the Council's Observer Policy Committee will request that the Council review and approve a Draft Environmental Assessment for an omnibus amendment that could establish provisions for industry-funded monitoring (IFM) across all federally-managed fisheries in the Northeast. Related recommendations provided by the both the Observer Policy and Herring Committees will be considered. It is also expected that the Council will select preferred alternatives as well as options proposed to address observer coverage requirements for Atlantic herring vessels.

Thursday, January 29, 2015

During the final day of the meeting the Council will focus on three reports. During the first, there will be an overview of the 2014 independent evaluation of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's processes and modeling approaches used to develop stock assessments. This will be followed by a briefing on NOAA Fisheries Draft Climate Science Strategy. The last will be an update on the annual state of the Northeast Continental Shelf ecosystem.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings in American Samoa and Hawaii regarding the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plans and American Samoa fishery management issues.

DATES: American Samoa Advisory Body Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Wednesday January 28, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Public Meeting on Large Pelagic Vessel Prohibited Area Thursday January 29, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; American Samoa Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Friday January 30, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Hawaii Council Advisory Body Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Wednesday February 4, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Hawaii Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Thursday February 5, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations of meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.