

Proposed regulations to implement those measures of the FMP that were not disapproved based on the preliminary evaluation are scheduled for publication within 15 days.

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

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New England Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 2-day public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Thursday, August 10, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. and on Friday, August 11, 1995, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the King's Grant Inn, Route 128 and Trask Lane, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (508) 774-6800. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01096-1097; telephone: (617) 231-0422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas G. Marshall, Executive Director, (617) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

August 10, 1995

The August 10, 1995, session will begin with a report from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center on the scallop and haddock assessments developed at the 20th Stock Assessment Workshop. During the afternoon session, the Council will discuss the projected timetable for development of Amendment 7 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery (Multispecies FMP), a proposed change (Framework Adjustment 12) in the multispecies regulations relating to harbor porpoise mitigation and the status of work on Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery. There will also be Monkfish Subcommittee reports on gear conflict issues and discussion on progress toward development of a fishery management plan for monkfish.

Abbreviated Rulemaking Action—Northeast Multispecies

The Council will consider initial action to adjust the Multispecies FMP under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking contained in 50 CFR 651.40. The Council will accept comments on the framework adjustment that would reconfigure the midcoast time/area closure to reduce harbor porpoise bycatch in the sink gillnet fishery. The Council is considering a change in area and duration of the closure and the possibility of incorporating the use of acoustic alarms to reduce harbor porpoise mortality. This will be the first Council meeting under the process for framework adjustments. A second discussion will occur at a subsequent meeting, as yet, unspecified. If the Director, Northeast Region NMFS (Regional Director), concurs with the Council's recommendation, he will publish the changes as a proposed or final rule in the **Federal Register**.

August 11, 1995

At 8:30 a.m., the Council will convene to elect officers for 1995-96. Following elections, the Council's State Department member will report on international issues, including Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization implementing legislation (Senate bill #267). The Council will then address the contents of a public hearing document on a proposed amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the American Lobster Fishery, which contains goals for reducing fishing effort, preventing and eliminating overfishing, and rebuilding the lobster stocks. The Council may approve the substance of the public hearing document at this meeting.

The Council will then hear reports from the Chairman, Council Executive Director, Regional Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center liaison, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, and representatives from the Coast Guard, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the State Department. Other items of business may be added to the agenda as necessary.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Douglas G. Marshall (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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