

October 13, 1995, meeting held to discuss the status of Atlantic herring management and research. The morning portion of the session will conclude with a report on the October 18, 1995, Advisory Panel meeting of the International Commission for Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

Under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking contained in 50 CFR parts 649, 650, and 651, the Council will initiate Framework Adjustment 6 to the Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster (Lobster FMP) to prevent shifts of fishing effort into the lobster fishery because of restrictions on groundfish and on other fisheries. This will be considered the initial meeting of this framework action.

The Council will also hear recommendations from the Lobster Committee related to the advance notice of proposed rulemaking on lobster that discusses the possible withdrawal of the Lobster FMP by NMFS or submission of an amendment by the Secretary of Commerce to eliminate any overfishing. Finally, the Council may consider the Lobster Committee's recommendations for terms of reference for the review of the lobster overfishing definition and assessment methods.

The afternoon portion of the October 26 session will feature an update on proposed management measures for monkfish (goosefish) that will include recommendations for total allowable landings and for trip limits for the bycatch fishery. The Council will also be updated by the Gear Conflict Committee chairperson on the development of an amendment to various fishery management plans designed to resolve gear conflict issues.

The Council meeting will conclude with a closed session to address administrative matters.

This 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.

Dated: October 17, 1995.

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Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fishery; Possible Protocol for Testing for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: A public meeting will be held to discuss the protocol for dockside testing of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxin in surf clams and ocean quahogs and the possible reopening of Georges Bank to the fishery if the protocol is adopted.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 24, 1995, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One

Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; (508)-281-9250. Requests for special accommodations may be addressed to the Regional Director located at the address mentioned above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myles Raizin, Resource Policy Analyst, (508)-281-9104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the development of a protocol for dockside testing for PSP in surf clams and ocean quahogs. Representatives of various government agencies and the surf clam and ocean quahog industry will meet to: Determine the state of industry interest in harvesting surf clams and ocean quahogs under the requirements of the protocol; identify the factors that may hinder full implementation of the protocol; clearly define or redefine the roles of all participants in implementing the protocol, including any needed approvals, agreements, or policy statements; discuss probable NMFS authorization of an experimental fishery to operationally test the protocol; and discuss the possibility of reopening Georges Bank to the fishery if the protocol is adopted.

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