

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, the Federal government, and state, local, and tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 431.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 456.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 25, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032398A]

##### Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings of the Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP) and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

**DATES:** The AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20,

1998, and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. The SSC meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, and adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, 701 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-524-8200.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SSC will review the 1998 stock assessments for both king and Spanish Mackerel, the Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel report, and the report of the Socioeconomic Panel that includes economic and social information related to the range of acceptable biological catch and bag limits for mackerels in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. Based on this review, the SSC may recommend to the Council levels for total allowable catch, bag limits, size limits, commercial quotas, and other measures for these species for the 1998-99 fishing season. The Mackerel AP will review the same information and formulate their recommendations based on their perspectives as users of these resources.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this AP/SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed 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 Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by April 13, 1998.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

**Gary C. Matlock,**

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032498B]

##### 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 2-day public meeting on April 15 and 16, 1998, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 1998, at 9 a.m. and on Thursday, April 16, 1998, at 8:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Inn Plymouth, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone(508) 747-4900. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (781) 231-042 2.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### Wednesday, April 15, 1998

Following introductions by the Council Chairman, the Groundfish Committee will report on and seek Council approval of measures to be discussed at public hearings and in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Measures to be voted on for purposes of preparing the public hearing document are associated with new overfishing definitions and the specification of optimum yield consistent with the revised National Standards in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), rebuilding winter flounder stocks and conserving Atlantic halibut. Mesh size changes to reduce the bycatch of juvenile flounders, a prohibition on streetsweeper trawl gear, and alternative management strategies for Gulf of Maine cod proposed by the Gulf of Maine Fishermen's Alliance will also be included.