

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

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**New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a two-day joint public meeting of its Groundfish Oversight Committee and Groundfish Industry Advisory Panel in October, 2000. Recommendations from the committees will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. and Friday, October 6, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee and advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Since April, the committee has been identifying a wide range of possible management measures for this amendment. They are focusing on three broad approaches to groundfish management: revisions to the measures currently in place, an area-based management system, and a sector allocation system. All three approaches will be discussed at this meeting and choices will be made on the specifics of each proposal that will be recommended to the Council later this year. In addition, the committee and advisors will review updated assessment information on groundfish stocks, if available, and may develop preliminary recommendations on the rebuilding schedules that will be used in this amendment. They will also consider information from the Council's Groundfish Overfishing Definitions Review Panel and will consider and develop recommendations for further review or changes to specific overfishing definitions. The committee

and advisors will also consider the report of the Council's Capacity Committee and incorporate recommendations from that Committee into the management measures for Amendment 13.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in these agendas may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting.

Council 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: September 18, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Science Advisory Board; Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, DOC.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice will provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

**Time and Date:** The meeting will be held Friday, September 29, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Place:** The meeting will be held in Room 1414 at the Department of

Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenues, Washington, DC.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a 1 hour time period set aside during the meeting for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies and in electronic format, if possible) should be received in the SAB Executive Directors's Office by September 22, 2000 in order to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after September 22 will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Matters to be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Review of the Oceans Exploration Panel Report to the President, (2) Presentation and SAB discussion of the National Science Foundations' new environmental initiative, and (3) Presentations and SAB discussions of other oceans-related issues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-3515, E-mail: Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB website at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: September 14, 2000.

**David L. Evans,**

*Assistant Administrator, OAR.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** Tuesday, September 26, 2000, 10 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Open to the Public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Escalator Petition (CP 97-1)