

January 20, 2001, Bernard T. Carreau is fulfilling the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

**Bernard T. Carreau,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, March 6, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, March 7, 2001 from 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a briefing on construction of the Advanced Measurement Laboratory; a presentation, "In the News: What Are They Saying About NIST?"; and participation by members in the NIST Centennial event, "NIST and Industry: Teaming Up in the New Century." Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. end at 10:15 a.m. on March 6, 2001 and to begin at 9:15 a.m. and to end at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2001, on staffing of management positions at NIST, the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and feedback sessions will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene March 6, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Tenth Floor Conference Room, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Janet R. Russell, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 12, 2001, that portions of the meeting of the visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021301D]

#### 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 public meeting of its Skate Oversight Committee and Advisory

Panel, Habitat Oversight Committee, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Scallop Committee in March, 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between Tuesday, March 6, 2001 and Monday, March 12, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Warwick, RI, Newburyport, Danvers and East Boston, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Meeting Dates and Agendas

*Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 10 a.m.—* Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Location: Rossi's, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 499-0240.

The SSC committee will develop plans to provide the Council advice on the priorities identified by the Council. These include: (1) Review of fishing mortality and biomass reference points for selected groundfish species and skates; (2) Review of changes in the scallop reference points that might result from a rotational area management strategy and the scientific basis of proposed scallop rotational area management measures as developed by the Council and Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT); (3) Evaluation of the available information on the stock structure of monkfish and its implications for management. Review of the monkfish assessment update (to be done by the Monkfish Monitoring committee, and review of fishing mortality and biomass reference points; (4) Review of the update of whiting status that will be completed by the Whiting PDT; (5) Other issues that it might advise the Council on such as the potential value of marine protected areas (MPAs) and closed areas (quantify benefits from existing closed areas) and multispecies management issues.

*Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 9:30 a.m.—* Joint Skate Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

The agenda will include a review of comments received during scoping period for Skate Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The committee and advisory panel will review Skate PDT report and provide additional guidance to the PDT. They will also develop management alternatives for Draft Skate FMP and public hearing document.

Wednesday, March 7, 2001, 9:30 a.m.—Habitat Oversight Committee.

Location: Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978)777-2500.

The agenda will include a discussion of habitat measures, alternatives and analyses to be included in the Groundfish FMP Amendment 13 Draft Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). The committee will consider preliminary information on required essential fish habitat (EFH) components of proposed Skate and Red Crab FMPs. They will also review EFH Consultation activities, including a proposed General Concurrence for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District's Nationwide Permit Program.

The Committee will review applications to the Advisory Panel in a CLOSED SESSION.

Monday, March 12, 2001, 9:30 a.m.—Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Airport Holiday Inn, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617)569-5250.

The Scallop Oversight Committee will approve problem statements, goals and objectives, and proposed management alternatives outline for Amendment 10.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda 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

These meetings are 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: February 14, 2001.

**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

[I.D. 021301A]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of three applications for scientific research permits (1290, 1291, 1292).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received applications for ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific research permits from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS at Seattle, WA (NWFS); the U.S. Geological Survey at Cook, WA (USGS); and the U.S. Forest Service at La Grande, OR (USFS).

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on March 23, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For permits 1290, 1291, 1292: Protected Resources Division, F/NW03, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (ph: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-230-5435).

Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For permits 1290, 1291, 1292: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (ph: 503-230-5424, fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: Robert.Koch@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16

U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

#### Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*): endangered Snake River (SnR).

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, upper Columbia River (UCR) spring; threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, SnR spring/summer; threatened SnR fall; threatened lower Columbia River (LCR); threatened upper Willamette River (UWR).

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River.

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR; threatened SnR; threatened middle Columbia River (MCR); threatened LCR; threatened UWR.

#### New Applications Received

The Fish Ecology Division of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS requests a 5-year permit (1290) for annual takes of 11 of the 12 ESA-listed anadromous fish species identified in this notice (all ESU's except endangered SnR sockeye salmon) associated with research to be conducted in the Columbia River estuary. The purpose of the research is to determine the prevalence and intensity of pathogens in juvenile salmonids. The research will benefit ESA-listed salmonids by contributing information on the extent to which