

O'Malley, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; William Outten, Maryland Department of Natural Resources; Mike Peele, North Carolina Beach Seine, Pound Net, and Gillnet Representative; Carl Poppell, Georgia Crab Pot Representative; Tim Ragen, Marine Mammal Commission; Andy Read, Duke University Marine Laboratory; John Reynolds III, Marine Mammal Commission; Jerry Schill, North Carolina commercial fisheries representative; Richard Seagraves, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Larry Simms, Maryland Crab Pot Representative; Ann Spellman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; Lee Spence, Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife; Mark Swingle, Virginia Marine Science Museum; Leonard Voss, Delaware Gillnet and Crab Pot Representative; Chris Walker, Virginia Gillnet Representative; Kathy Wang, NMFS Southeast Regional Office; Rob West, North Carolina Gillnet, Pound Net, and Crab Pot Representative; A.D. Willis, North Carolina Recreational Crab Pot and Gillnet Representative; David Woolman, South Carolina Crab Pot Representative; Nina Young, The Ocean Conservancy; Sharon Young, The Humane Society of the United States; Chris Zeman, American Oceans Campaign; Barb Zoodsma, Georgia Coastal Resources, Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The BDTRT will be facilitated by Hans Neuhauser and Jim Feldt, Georgia Environmental Policy Institute.

Section 118 (f)(6)(A)(ii) of the MMPA requires NMFS to publish the full geographic range of the marine mammal stock for which a take reduction team is being convened and list all commercial fisheries that cause incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals from such stock.

Western North Atlantic coastal bottlenose dolphins range seasonally as far north as Long Island, NY and as far south as central Florida. Multiple stocks of Western North Atlantic coastal bottlenose dolphins exist, and include year-round residents, seasonal residents, and migratory groups. In addition to the coastal bottlenose dolphins, a distinct, offshore ecotype also exists. Research is underway to improve data about the stock structure of coastal bottlenose dolphins and to define the offshore range of coastal bottlenose dolphins.

Western North Atlantic coastal bottlenose dolphins are known to interact with the following Category II commercial fisheries: Mid-Atlantic coastal gillnet, North Carolina inshore gillnet, Southeast Atlantic gillnet, Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet,

Atlantic blue crab trap/pot, Mid-Atlantic haul/beach seine, North Carolina long haul seine, North Carolina roe mullet stop net, and Virginia pound net. Additional commercial fisheries, classified as Category III fisheries, are known to rarely cause incidental mortality and serious injury to Western North Atlantic coastal bottlenose dolphins. These fisheries are identified in the 2001 List of Fisheries (66 FR 42780, August 15, 2001). Interactions between Western North Atlantic coastal bottlenose dolphins and recreational fisheries have also been documented.

NMFS fully intends to conduct the BDTRT process in a way that provides for national consistency yet accommodates the unique regional needs and characteristics of the team. The data and analysis used to support the BDTRT will go through an external peer-review process, be reviewed by NMFS' Scientific Review Groups, and be made available for public review and comment as a Stock Assessment Report. Take Reduction Teams are not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.). Meetings are open to the public.

Dated: August 27, 2001.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**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 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Capacity Committee in September, 2001. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

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

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Capacity Committee will discuss proposals for reducing latent effort and changing permit transfer restrictions in the Northeast Multispecies Fishery. The committee will consider Groundfish Advisory Panel comments on the proposals from their August 16, 2001 Advisory Panel meeting. The Council has directed the Committee to make recommendations on revising and combining these proposals for possible inclusion in Amendment 13 to the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will not make final decisions about the choice of alternatives, but will report its recommendations to the Council and the Council's Groundfish Oversight Committee.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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: August 24, 2001.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and