

The proposed management measure has not been included in a previous FMP amendment. The Council invites the public to comment on the scope of the issues to be addressed by Amendment 2 and its DSEIS and on the types of environmental impacts associated with the various management measures, including the proposed measure discussed above.

Once the Council completes the DSEIS, it will submit it to NMFS for filing with EPA. EPA will publish a notice of availability of the DSEIS for public comment in the **Federal Register**. The DSEIS will have a 45-day comment period. This procedure is pursuant to regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and to NOAA's Administrative Order 216–6 regarding NOAA's compliance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations. The Council will consider public comments received on the DSEIS before adopting final management measures for a final Amendment 2 and to prepare a final supplemental environmental impact statement (FSEIS) in support of its final Amendment 2. The Council would then submit the final Amendment 2 and supporting FSEIS to NMFS for Secretarial review, approval, and implementation under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. NMFS will announce availability of Amendment 2 for public review during the Secretarial review period through notice published in the **Federal Register**. During Secretarial review, NMFS will also file the FSEIS with EPA for a final 30-day public comment period on the FSEIS. This comment period will be concurrent with the Secretarial review period and will end prior to final agency action to approve, disapprove, or partially approve Amendment 2. All public comment periods on Amendment 2, its proposed implementing regulations, and its associated FSEIS will be announced through notice published in the **Federal Register**. NMFS will consider all public comments received during the Secretarial review period for Amendment 2 (60-day period), whether they are on the amendment, the FSEIS, or the proposed regulations, prior to final agency action.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

**Jonathan Kurland**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 648

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting Notification; Addendum

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

**ACTION:** Addendum to a public meeting notification.

**SUMMARY:** On December 28, 2001, NMFS published a **Federal Register** notification announcing that the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 3-day Council meeting on January 15 through 17, 2002, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone. This notification serves as an addendum to that notification and announces that in addition to the agenda items announced in the December 28th **Federal Register** notification, there will be a closed session on January 16, 2002, to discuss the lawsuit concerning Framework 33 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. In addition, certain agenda items have been rescheduled as identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notification.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, January 15, 16, and 17, 2002. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. The closed session will be held at approximately 5 p.m. on January 16, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone (603) 436–2121. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street,

Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465–0492.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to the agenda items announced in the meeting notification published in the **Federal Register** on December 28, 2001 (66 FR 67166), the Council intends to convene a closed session on January 16, 2002, following the scallop agenda item at approximately 5 p.m. During this portion of the meeting, the Council will discuss the *Conservation Law Foundation, et al., v. Evans* lawsuit concerning Framework 33 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and the Sustainable Fisheries Act requirements to address overfishing, stock rebuilding, and bycatch reduction.

Also, the Council announces that the briefing on the status of the U.S./Canada shared resources agreement originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 17th. The Marine Protected Area Committee Report originally scheduled for Thursday, January 17th, will be given in place of the U.S. Canada Briefing on Tuesday, January 15th, following introductions.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notification and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305 (c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided that 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 date.

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