

E.O. 12866: This notice has been determined to be non-significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

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Dated: October 8, 2002.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

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 Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, October 29, 2002, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is composed of eight members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, education, and management consulting. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), 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 an ATP update, a panel from the international community on technology programs, an update on the ATP competition and a presentation on emerging knowledge about ATP's impacts on firm behavior, collaboration, etc. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. and to end at 9:50 a.m. and to begin at 2:30 p.m. and to end at 3:45 p.m. on October 29, 2002, on the ATP budget issues and staffing of positions will be closed. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, October 24, 2002, and

she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Peters's email address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene October 29, 2002, at 8:45 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:45 p.m. on October 29, 2002.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room B, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn J. Peters, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 3, 2002, that portions of the meeting of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology 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 staffing of positions in ATP 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: October 8, 2002.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100902A]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Habitat Advisory Panel (HAP), and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Committee will hold meetings.

DATES: The SFA Committee will meet on October 23–24, 2002, and the HAP/SSC meeting will be held on October 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 8000 Tartak St., Isla Verde, Carolina, PR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, PR 00918-2577, telephone 787-766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SFA Committee, the HAP, and the SSC will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agendas:

October 23, 2002

SFA Committee Meeting

*Presentation of SFA Parameter Tables
Review of Section I of the SFA
Amendment Options Paper*

The SFA Committee will need to review the various SFA parameter options and offer recommendations to the CFMC based on group consensus. These recommended alternatives will then be utilized to construct the table of SFA parameters for CFMC managed species.

Additionally, the SFA Committee will need to review the various alternatives regarding the aquarium trade species in the Reef Fish and Coral Fishery Management Plans, in order to produce a recommendation to the CFMC on how to pursue management of these species. This discussion will have ramifications on the generation of stock status determination criteria for these species.

Construction of SFA Parameters

The SFA Committee will need to evaluate the various biological and socio-economic data, as well as personal knowledge and experience, on all managed species and species groups, in order to recommend prudent stock status determination criteria to the CFMC. This process may, in turn drive additional management measures, based on the resulting stock status determination (i.e., approaching overfished or overfished status).

October 24, 2002

Discussion on Sections I and II of the SFA Amendment Options Paper

The SFA Committee will need to review the various proposed alternatives and offer recommendations to the CFMC based on group consensus that will comply with Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and National Environmental Policy Act requirements.

Discussion on Sections I and II of the SFA Amendment Options Paper (continued)

October 25, 2002

HAP/SSC

Call to Order

Decision Making Process for Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

Alternatives (Decision Tree)

Mapping EFH

Fishing Impacts on EFH

Alternatives for Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC)

Environmental Consequences

Other Business

The SFA Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 23, and Thursday, October 24, 2002. The HAP/SSC will convene on Friday, October 2002, from 10-4 p.m.

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issue 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 this emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, PR 00918-2577, telephone (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

Matteo Milazzo,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100802D]

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 Research Steering Committee, Habitat Oversight Committee and Groundfish Oversight Committee in October, 2002 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 between October 28 - 30, 2002. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Wakefield, MA, Plymouth, MA and Portsmouth, NH. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, October 28, 2002, 9:30 a.m.-Research Steering Committee Meeting.

Location: Sheraton Colonial, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300.

The committee will hear an update on the status of current projects, recent contract awards and funding for the NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Research Partners Initiative. They will also discuss development of procedures for tracking cooperative research projects, project evaluation, and the integration of results into the management process. Also on the agenda will be discussion and planning for a public process to identify habitat research priorities that could be addressed through collaborative research.

Tuesday, October 29, 2002, 9:30--Habitat Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Sheraton Inn, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747-4900.

The Committee will review the analysis for the Essential Fish Habitat Sections of the Draft Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Amendment 13. They may select preferred alternatives for Amendment 13 to be recommended to the full Council.

Wednesday, October 30, 2002, 9:30 a.m.--Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, 300 Woodbury Ave., Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-8000.

The committee will meet to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will review alternatives and analyses, provide advice on improving the DEIS, and will consider recommending a preferred alternative for Council consideration. In addition, the Committee will meet in a closed session to review applications to fill several vacant advisory panel positions.

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

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: October 9, 2002.

Matteo J. Milazzo,

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

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