

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 050506B]****Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Closed Session SEDAR Selection Committee Conference Call.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Selection Committee via Conference Call to select participants for SEDAR 12 for red grouper for recommendation to the Council.

**DATES:** The Conference Call will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, from 11 a.m. EDT to 12 noon EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via closed session conference call.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Wayne Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Selection Committee in a closed session conference call on Wednesday, May 31, 2006 at 11 a.m. EDT. The purpose of the meeting is to select members for the SEDAR 12 series for Red Grouper for recommendation to the Council. The Committee recommendations will be presented to the Council at the June 5-9, 2006 Council meeting in Tampa, FL.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Trish Kennedy at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: May 9, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 050406D]****Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting via Conference Call.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Ecosystem SSC via conference call to discuss planning of an ecosystem modeling workshop to be held by the SSC later in the year.

**DATES:** The conference call will be held on May 30, 2006. The conference call will begin at 10 a.m. EDT and conclude no later than 12 noon EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call and listening stations will be available. For specific locations see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will convene its Ecosystem SSC May 30, 2006, via conference call.

Listening stations are available at the following locations:

The Gulf Council office (see **ADDRESSES**), and the NMFS offices as follows:

*Galveston, TX*

4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551, Contact: Rhonda O'Toole, (409) 766-3500;

*St. Petersburg, FL*

263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, Contact: Stephen Holiman, (727) 551-5719;

*Panama City, FL*

3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408, Contact: Janice Hamm, (850) 234-6541.

The purpose of the conference call is to decide which issues and models will be evaluated in an ecosystem modeling workshop to be held later this year. The

workshop will evaluate the use of ecosystem modeling to address some of the key policy issues facing the Council. The SSC will also discuss what specific tasks will be requested from outside ecosystem modeling experts prior to and during the workshop, a timeline for completion of those tasks, and dates to hold the workshop. Based on the tasks identified by the SSC, the Council will produce a request for proposals (RFP) from which the selection of outside experts will be made.

The Ecosystem SSC, a committee of economists, biologists, sociologists, and natural resource attorneys knowledgeable about the technical aspects of fisheries in the Gulf, is appointed by the Council, and provides advice and opinions on various issues facing the Council.

Copies of any related meeting materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 050506E]****Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Atlantic Mackerel, Loligo and Illex Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2006, beginning at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 732-0470.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The purpose of the meeting is to make recommendations concerning quotas and other management measures for the 2007 Atlantic Mackerel, Loligo and Illex Squid, and Butterfish fisheries.

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 identified in this notice 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 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 Jan Saunders (302) 674-2331 ext. 18, at the Council Office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 9, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 050506C]

**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee in May, 2006 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will

be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 433-5649.

*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; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will develop management reviews for a number of cooperative research project, that have been approved by NOAA Fisheries Northeast Cooperative Research Partners Program (NCRPP). Their conclusions will be presented to the full Council at its June 13-15, 2006 meeting in Newport, RI. In addition to an NCRPP update, the committee will also receive a report on staff follow-up activities since the last meeting and discuss further refinements to its management review process. The committee will also review its involvement in the Council's research set-aside programs.

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**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, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 9, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 050506D]

**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meetings of its Magnuson-Stevens Committee in June, 2006 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

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

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, June 2, 2006, at 9 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, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will meet to review and develop draft Council positions on two bills introduced by U.S. House of Representative members to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Any committee recommendations will be forwarded to the full Council for final approval at its June 13-15 meeting to be held in Newport, RI.

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**

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