

**DATES:** The conference call will be held on Friday, January 5, 2007 from 10 a.m. EDT to 10:30 a.m. 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 will convene its SSC Selection Committee via conference call to select several (2 or 3) of the Standing SSC members to serve on a select committee. The committee members will monitor the actions of the NMFS design and analysis group and report to the Council in a closed session conference call on Friday, January 5, 2007 10 a.m. EDT. The Committee recommendations will be presented to the Council at the January 22 - 26, 2007 Council meeting in Point Clear, AL.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: December 14, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121406H]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee in January, 2007 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 Friday, January 19, 2007, at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 32 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 272-1191; fax: (401) 752-3042.

*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 review and consider final recommendations for Amendment 13 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (to re-activate the industry funded observer program). The Committee will also develop initial measures to be considered in Framework 19 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (management measures for fishing years 2008 and 2009). The Committee may consider other topics at their discretion.

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

Dated: December 14, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121406J]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) will meet in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 8-9, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Wilson, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SSLMC will discuss the draft Proposal Ranking Tool (PRT), develop procedures for reviewing proposals with the PRT, and sensitivity test the PRT. The SSLMC will also review a draft report on the PRT which will be provided to the NPFMC's SSC at their February 2007 meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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