

an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the January 5, 2007, final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program (RRP Program). The ROD has been written pursuant to § 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR part 1505.2), and the NOAA Administrative Order on implementing environmental review procedures (NAO 216-6). The ROD is a concise statement of the management planning and environmental impact analysis process completed, the alternatives considered, and the basis for the selection of preferred alternative. The notice of availability for the final PEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 5, 2007, with the close of the mandatory waiting period on February 20, 2007. No comments were received on the final PEIS.

It is the decision of the NOAA, along with the Department of the Interior and the State of Louisiana, to implement the Louisiana RRP Program using the methods evaluated in the PEIS. Because the analysis is programmatic in nature, site and injury-specific features will dictate which restoration alternatives are most appropriate for individual injuries. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the RRP Program alternative selected have been adopted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions regarding the PEIS and ROD and requests for copies of these documents should be addressed to either: Karolien Debusschere, Deputy Coordinator, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Office of the Governor, 150 Third Street, Suite 405, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70801; 225/219-5800; *e-mail address:* Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov, or Tony Penn, Southeast Branch Chief, NOAA, Assessment and Restoration Division, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC #4, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910; fax number 301/713-4387; *e-mail address:* Tony.Penn@noaa.gov.

The PEIS and Record of Decision are available via the Internet at <http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/southeast/rrpp-la/> and http://www.losco.state.la.us/admin/RRP/RRPprogram_view.asp.

Dated: May 15, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[XRIN: 0648-XA49]

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 Whiting Advisory Panel, in June, 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: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 831-3900; fax: (401) 751-0007.

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 Advisory Panel role and responsibilities, elect Advisory Panel Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The committee will also review management measures and alternatives under consideration in an amendment to the Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP to address small mesh multispecies (whiting, red hake, offshore hake). The committee will develop Advisory Panel comments and recommendations regarding small mesh multispecies management measures and alternatives under consideration, including: optimum yield (OY) specifications, total allowable catches (TACs); a limited access program for the small mesh multispecies fishery; measures to address historical fisheries; and possession limits for small mesh multispecies and other management measures that may be considered.

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, 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 18, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Informational Meeting.

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

ACTION: Notice of a public informational meeting.

SUMMARY: Trans-Boundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC) Industry/Science Data Exchange Meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (508) 991-6279.

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:

Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan adopted a system to coordinate the management of trans-boundary stocks of cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder with Canada. As part of that system, each year, the Trans-Boundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC)