

Council**Wednesday, January 30, 2008**

11 a.m. - The Council meeting will begin with a review of the agenda and minutes.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., the Council will appoint Council Committees.

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., NMFS will present the National Bycatch Report.

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., the Council will receive public testimony on: (1) exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any; (2) Reef Fish Amendment 30A; (3) Generic Aquaculture Amendment; and (4) Spiny Lobster Scoping Document.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., an Open Public Comment Period regarding any fishery issue of concern will be held. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

5:30 - 6 p.m., a CLOSED SESSION on Personnel will be held.

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Council will review and discuss reports from the previous two days' committee meetings as follows:

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Reef Fish Management;

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum;

10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab Management;

11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Shrimp Management;

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Budget/Personnel;

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Red Drum Management;

11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Marine Reserves;

12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Administrative Policy;

12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Mackerel Management.

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - The Council will discuss Other Business items. The Council will conclude its meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Committees**Monday, January 28, 2008**

12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to discuss the Options Paper for Grouper/Tilefish individual fishing quota (IFQ); Reef Fish Amendment 30A; Update on Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) Grouper Allocation Recommendations; Public Hearing Draft of Reef Fish Amendment 30B; and Report of Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper AP.

- Informal question and answer session on Draft Aquaculture Amendment.

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will continue to meet.

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - The Shrimp Management Committee will meet to discuss the 2008 Cooperative Texas Closure and an update of the 2007 Vessel Effort.

2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committee will meet to discuss the Generic Aquaculture Amendment.

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Marine Reserve Committee will hear an update on the National Marine Sanctuary Program's Islands in the Stream Concept.

3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. - The Red Drum Management Committee will meet to discuss the response by Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC) on the potential for an experimental harvest of red drum from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - The Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab Management Committee will discuss a Generic Scoping Document for an International Minimum Size Limit.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Budget/Personnel Committee will review the Status of the 2007 Funding; the 2008 proposed Council Operational Budget; the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) provisions for Leave Without Pay; and have a CLOSED SESSION to discuss Personnel.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will discuss NMFS Guidelines for Annual Catch Limits (ACL) and Accountability Measures (AM) (if available); a staff ACL/AM Discussion Paper; and the development of an Outreach and Education Committee.

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - The Mackerel Management Committee will discuss the Terms of Reference for a SEDAR Assessment of king mackerel.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency.

The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 27, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN: 0648-XE50

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of a correction of a public meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 and conclude no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: (813) 289-8200.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2007 (72 FR 72676). This notice serves as a correction to the dates, times and adds a sentence to the end of the agenda.

The original notice stated that the meeting would conclude no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2008. The meeting will now conclude no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, January 11, 2008.

At the end of the agenda, the following sentence should be added:

In addressing these issues, the AP may use break-out groups of selected panel members during a portion of the meeting in order to focus attention on these specific topics and develop discussion points for the entire AP to debate later in the meeting or at future meetings.

All other previously-published information remains the same.

Dated: December 27, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XE74

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 9 am.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

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 items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

The Council's Groundfish Oversight Committee (Committee) will meet to continue development of Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will resume its discussion of suggestions from the National Marine Fisheries Service for sector policies. Issues expected to be addressed include, but are not limited to, universal sector exemptions, where possible; how to address monitoring sectors pertaining to the Eastern U.S./Canada total allowable catches (TACs); crediting catch history; monitoring catch locations, and a possible delay of sector implementation until fishing year 2010. The Committee may also address other sector policy issues, but will not revisit permit history baseline decisions made at the meeting on December 12-13, 2007. The Committee will also begin development of a process for setting Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This discussion will include not only the administrative process (such as how often ACLs will be reviewed), but will consider the technical details for setting ACLs. Issues that are likely to be discussed include, but are not limited to, accounting for catches of groundfish in other fisheries (e.g. yellowtail flounder in the scallop fishery, cod catches in state waters fisheries, etc.), and allowing for uncertainty in assessments and management. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the Council for action at a future date.

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.

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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.

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

Dated: December 27, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XE69

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 Scallop Committee in January, 2008 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 25, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500; fax: (978) 750-7991.

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 Council initiated a new amendment to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan in November (2007) (Amendment 15). The Council identified a number of issues to be considered including: measures to comply with new Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requirements such as annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs); rationalization of the limited access scallop fishery; consideration of a mechanism for sectors in the limited access scallop fishery; and re-consideration of the current scallop overfishing definition. The committee will review and develop a draft scoping document for Amendment 15 for the Council to consider at the February 2008 Council