

meeting to determine and select (if possible) preferred alternatives for Council consideration and inclusion in the Public Hearing document for Amendment 11. The Council will convene for its regular business session to receive various reports including a report by Dr. Rago (NMFS NEFSC) on "Annual Discard Report for 2008 and the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Prioritization for 2009" and a report by Dr. Weinberg (NMFS NEFSC) on the outcome of the Northeast Data Poor Workshop which included scup and black sea bass among others, the Council will also present its Fisheries Achievement Award. A public workshop will be held in the afternoon to encourage early adoption of voluntary fishing practices to reduce butterfish bycatch in the Loligo squid fishery. Discussion items will include: potential effects of implementation of Amendment 10 which would establish a butterfish bycatch mortality cap for the Loligo squid fishery in 2011, possible mitigation actions to avoid future closures of the Loligo fishery owing to attainment of the butterfish mortality cap. Current Loligo fishing practices will be reviewed with the intent to identify practices that contribute to butterfish bycatch. Information and data will be presented as catalysts for discussion purposes regarding problem identification and possible solutions. Friday, February 13 - the Executive Committee will review the outcome of the State-Federal Alignment Work Group meeting, receive results from Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) actions, and review the agenda for the Council Coordination Committee. The Council will receive a report on Status of MAFMC's FMPs, the Executive Director's report, Committee reports, and any continuing and new business.

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Special Accommodations

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Jan Bryan (302-674-2331 ext 18) at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a three-day Council meeting on February 9-11, 2009 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, February 10 and Wednesday, February 11, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 433-5649. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Monday, February 9, 2009

Following introductions and any announcements, the Council will receive a series of brief reports from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel, representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, as well as NOAA Enforcement. Presentations will be provided to the Council on the recent Data Poor Stocks Workshop and the

Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology annual report. For the latter, NMFS will solicit recommendations from the Council concerning the prioritization of observer coverage. The Council's Herring Committee will report during the afternoon session and review progress to date on the development of management alternatives for Amendment 4 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The focus of the action is catch monitoring, but measures also will address annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs).

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

The meeting will begin with a brief overview of the NMFS final rule concerning procedures and voting eligibility requirements for referenda on Individual Fishing Quota program proposals in accordance with the new requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Time will then be allocated to discuss the NMFS Secretarial Interim Action for the Northeast Multispecies fishery, to be followed by discussion and approval of Draft Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP and it accompanying Environmental Impact Statement for review at public hearings.

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

The last day of the Council meeting will begin with, in the following order, possible consideration and approval of revisions to several Council operating policies, a review of recent experimental fishery permit applications and an open comment period during which any interested party may address the Council about fishery management related issues that are otherwise not listed on the agenda. These items will be followed by an overview of the NMFS final rule containing guidance on how to comply with the new annual catch limit (ACL) and accountability measure (AM) requirements in fishery management plans. Prior to a lunch break, the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will provide advice on the adequacy of the analyses that could form the basis of Amendment 3 to the Northeast Skate Complex FMP and Amendment 15 to the Scallop FMP. Council consideration of skate management measures will follow with a decision on whether to develop final alternatives for further consideration by the Council or to develop new management measures, based on the receipt of new as well as updated information. The Scallop Committee will ask the Council for approval of a range of alternatives under consideration for Amendment 15 to the Scallop FMP for purposes of completing

the analytical underpinnings of the action. The amendment may address excess capacity and other changes to the scallop management program, including essential fish habitat closures and a change to scallop fishing year time frame. Finally, the Council will address any other outstanding business prior to adjournment of its February meeting.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) coastal pelagic species (CPS) advisory bodies will hold meetings, which are open to the public, on February 10-12, 2009. The primary purpose of the meetings is to comment on the draft terms of reference for the CPS stock assessment review process, review 2009 survey plans, develop plans for a report to the Council on long-term sardine allocation, and discuss revisions to the CPS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) in accordance with the reauthorized Magnuson-

Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

DATES: The CPS Management Team (CPSMT) will meet on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, beginning at 1 p.m. and again on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Both meeting days will go until business for that day is completed. The CPS Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will meet Thursday, February 12, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held in the Large Conference Room at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center of the National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, (858) 546-7000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CPSMT and CPSAS will also elect officers for 2009, discuss the 2009 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document, and address other issues relating to CPS management. The CPSMT and CPSAS will develop recommendations for Council consideration at its March 8-13, 2009 meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Advisory body 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Establishment of federal advisory committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 596 of Public Law 110-417, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Department of Defense gives notice that it is establishing the Military Leadership Diversity Commission (hereafter referred to as the Commission).

The Commission is a non-discretionary federal advisory commission established under the authority of section 596 of Public Law 110-417 and 41 CFR 102-3.50(a) to conduct a comprehensive evaluation and assessment of policies that provide opportunities for the promotion and advancement of minority members of the Armed Forces, including minority members who are senior officers. In carrying out the study, the commission shall examine the following:

1. The efforts to develop and maintain diverse leadership at all levels of the Armed Forces.

2. The successes and failures of developing and maintaining a diverse leadership, particularly at the general and flag officer positions.

3. The effect of expanding Department of Defense secondary educational programs to diverse civilian populations, to include military service academy preparatory schools.

4. The ability of current recruitment and retention practices to attract and maintain a diverse pool of qualified individuals in sufficient numbers in officer pre-commissioning programs.

5. The ability of current activities to increase continuation rates for ethnic- and gender-specific members of the Armed Forces.

6. The benefits of conducting an annual conference attended by civilian military, active-duty and retired military, and corporate leaders on diversity, to include a review of current policy and the annual demographic data from the Defense Manpower Data Center.

7. The status of prior recommendations made to the Department of Defense and to Congress concerning diversity initiatives within the Armed Forces.