DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA208

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 Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), in cooperation with the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a webinar for Council members and the public to review and consider recommendations from the NEFSC Science and Research Director and Northeast Regional Administrator regarding the allocation and prioritization of at-sea observer coverage for April 2011 through March 2012. A draft report was delivered to both the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils in January, 2011 and is available online at http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/femad/fsb/SBRM/ 2011/2011-SBRM-Sea-Day-Analysis-Prioritization.pdf.

DATES: The webinar will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (EST). The deadline for the submission of comments on the report is 5 p.m. on March 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be conducted via webinar.

Addresses: Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543; New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Paul Rago, Northeast Fisheries Science Center 508–495–2341 or Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Information about connecting to the webinar will be posted on the NEFSC’s SAW/SARC Web page, http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/saw/ and on the Council’s Web site, http://www.nefmc.org, under “What’s New”. Both Web sites also will provide links to several other SBRM reports.

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

Dated: February 8, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Research Steering Committee will meet to discuss activities since its November 2010 meeting. In addition to a brief update from NOAA/NMFS Cooperative Research Program, the committee may discuss its future meeting schedule, event planning, research priorities and final cooperative research report reviews. A more detailed agenda will be published prior to the meeting.

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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: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee (Committee), in February 2011, 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 Monday, February 28, 2011 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, MA 02128, telephone: (617) 569–5250; fax: (617) 561–0971.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XK54

Marine Mammals; File No. 13602

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Long Marine Lab, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California at Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA has been issued a major amendment to Permit No. 13602.

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room