SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee’s agenda are as follows:

- The Committee and Advisory Panel will discuss draft revisions to the Magnuson-Stevens Act’s National Standard 10 guidelines to promote safety at sea, and NOAA’s draft enforcement priority-setting process; if applicable, the Coast Guard may report on comments it has received as part of its initiative to improve the overall compliance with and effectiveness of the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) regulations; the committee also may forward recommendations concerning several alternatives being considered for inclusion in Framework Adjustment 23 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Other business may also be discussed.

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

Dated: May 24, 2011.

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

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a joint public meeting of its Skate Committee and Advisory Panel, in June, 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: This meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the SpringHill Suites, 43 Newbury Street, US 1 North, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535–5000; fax: (978) 535–9610.

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 Advisory Panel and Skate Oversight Committee will discuss and recommend management measures to include in a 2012–13 skate specifications package, based on ABC specifications approved by the Scientific and Statistical Committee and recent fishery data. The Oversight Committee recommendations will be approved at the June 2011 Council meeting for a specification package or framework adjustment that will be finalized at the September 2011 Council meeting. The committee will also discuss and recommend modifications to the Council’s fishery research strategic plan.

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