

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

RIN 0648-XA634

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 Monkfish Oversight Committee on August 31, 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 Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Wynwood Hotel, 580 U.S. Highway 1, Interstate Traffic Circle, Portsmouth, NH 03801; *telephone:* (603) 436-7600; *fax:* (603) 436-7600.

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: At the last meeting, the Committee tasked the Monkfish Advisory Panel (AP) and the Monkfish Plan Development Team (PDT) to elaborate and substantiate the bullet list of problems and issues developed by the AP and Committee after the scoping session on Amendment 6, in which the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils are considering catch shares management for the monkfish fishery. At this meeting, the Committee will review the AP and PDT reports and develop a recommended set of goals and objectives for Amendment 6 for approval by the Councils.

The Committee will also hold a closed session at the end of the meeting to review applications for recently vacated AP seats. The Committee's recommendations will be transmitted to the Executive Committee for approval.

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: August 8, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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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 Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Committee in August, 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 Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Best Western Wynwood Hotel, 580 US Highway 1, Interstate Traffic Circle, Portsmouth, NH 03801; *telephone:* (603) 436-7600; *fax:* (603) 436-7600.

Council address: New England

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will continue development of options to minimize the adverse effects of fishing on essential fish habitat and will also continue

development of alternatives to protect deep-sea corals from fishing, these options will be presented to the Council at the September meeting. The Committee will also review remaining essential fish habitat designation issues held over from previous meetings. Other business will be discussed at the discretion of the Chair.

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

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Western Pacific Fisheries; Approval of a Marine Conservation Plan for the Northern Mariana Islands

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

ACTION: Notice of agency decision.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces approval of a marine conservation plan for the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATES: This agency decision is effective from August 4, 2011, through August 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the MCP are available from <http://www.regulations.gov>, or the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, tel 808-522-8220.