

Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary report documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are usually appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, Fisheries Commissions, and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies. Additionally, SEDAR Cooperators may request a SEDAR Review of an assessment produced outside of the standard SEDAR workshop process.

SEDAR 27 Review Workshop Schedule

November 1–4, 2011; SEDAR 27 Review Workshop,

November 1, 2011: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.;

November 2–3, 2011: 8 a.m.–8 p.m.;

November 4, 2011: 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

The Review Workshop is an independent peer review of the assessment developed during the assessment process, which may include Data and Assessment Workshops.

Workshop Panelists will review the assessment and document their comments and recommendations in a Consensus Summary.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to each workshop.

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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: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel on September 12, 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 Monday, September 12, 2011 at 9 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) 569–5159.

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 will make recommendations for the Scallop Committee to consider related to Framework 23 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Framework 23 is considering alternatives related to four specific issues: (1) Potentially

require a turtle deflector dredge for scallop dredge vessels; (2) revise the yellowtail flounder accountability measures (AMs) proposed in Amendment 15; (3) possibly modify how catch in state waters is accounted for in both the limited access general category management program for the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) area and the limited access general category IFQ fishery; and (4) modify when a scallop vessel declares into the scallop fishery to improve fleet operations. The Panel will also discuss recommendations related to potential 2012 Council work priorities for the Scallop FMP. Other business may also be discussed at this meeting. For example, recent data suggest that windowpane flounder bycatch in the scallop fishery increased dramatically in 2010. The Scallop advisors may discuss possible reasons why and brainstorm recommendations for potential accountability measures if the Council decides to allocate a sub-ACL of windowpane flounder to the scallop fishery in a future action under the Groundfish FMP.

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.*

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