

(1) Verify the impact of research vessels during boat based behavioral follows, (2) further understand how female-calf pairs use breeding ground habitat, potentially identifying key resting regions and establishing the degree to which female-calf pairs circulate within vs. move between specific favored female-calf regions, and (3) further document the behavioral dynamics of newly-independent yearlings within breeding regions. The amended permit would expire on June 30, 2013.

A draft supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft SEA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit application.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA837

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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on December 13, 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, December 13 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane

Boston, MA 02210; *telephone:* (617) 385-4000; *fax:* (617) 385-4001.

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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will discuss the 2012 SSC calendar and tasks, social science issues including socioeconomic considerations in setting acceptable biological catches (ABCs); improving SSC outreach, research priorities, advisory panel input in the process for making ABC recommendations, SSC liaison assignments to Council Plan Development Teams, using Council advisory panel information in developing ABC recommendations; risk policy development, 2012 National SSC Workshop recommendations and NRCC Assessment Workgroup recommendations.

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: November 16, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 13-14, 2011. The Council will convene on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Administrative Committee will meet from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Council will reconvene on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at Marriott Frenchman's Reef Hotel, 5 Estate Bakeroe, St. Thomas, USVI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920; *telephone:* (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 141st regular Council meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

December 13, 2011—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Call to Order.
- Adoption of Agenda.
- Consideration of the 140th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions.
- Executive Director's Report.
- Catch Share Project Update—Flavia Tonioli.
- Parrotfish Size and Bag Limit—Mike Larkin.
- USVI Traps Reduction Project Report.
- SSC Meeting Report:
 - ERAEF.
 - Legal Opinion SSC Role.
 - Other Issues.

Public Comment Period—(5) Five-Minutes Presentations

December 13, 2011—5:15 p.m.–6 p.m.

- Administrative Committee Meeting (Closed Session):
 - Budget Update FY 2011/12.
 - International Queen Conch Initiative Conference 2012 (IQCI).
 - Other Business.