

include modifications to groundfish closed areas (including habitat areas). The Committee will further review a motion passed at its last meeting that would provide increased access to most groundfish closed areas, and may consider modifications to that motion that will be forwarded to the Council. They may consider other modifications to the sector program, such as creating areas for fishing on Georges Bank (GB) that are not subject to the GB yellowtail flounder ACE limits. With respect to ABCs/ACLs/AMs, the Committee will consider options for addressing catches of groundfish stocks (primarily SNE/MAB windowpane flounder) by other fisheries (such as the fluke, scup and squid fisheries), and may either develop options for additional sub-ACLs or may propose changes to accountability measures to control those catches. The Committee may also discuss other issues that may be incorporated into the framework. Options identified by the Committee will be included in a future management action (Framework Adjustment 48) that will be considered by the Council in the fall of 2012. The Committee is also expected to receive a preliminary report on catch advice developed for Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder that will be developed by the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee. The Committee may provide comments for consideration by the Council when it considers these Fishing Year 2013 quotas. The Committee may discuss scallop/groundfish management issues, such as yellowtail flounder allocations and the timing of scallop vessel access to groundfish closed areas. Other business may be discussed.

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#### Special Accommodations

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC213**

#### 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's (Council) Herring Committee will meet jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Council's (ASMFC) Section to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 732-0470; fax: (401) 732-6872.

*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 items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

The Herring Committee and the ASMFC Section will meet to develop Atlantic herring fishery specifications for the upcoming fishing years (2013-15); discussion may include specifications related to the overfishing limit (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), management uncertainty and a stockwide annual catch limit (ACL), domestic annual harvesting (DAH), domestic annual processing (DAP), border transfer (BT), sub-ACLs for the four herring management areas, and set-asides for research and the fixed gear fishery. They will discuss the recent court decision regarding Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP), related correspondence, and possible upcoming Council actions, including a possible action to maintain the 2012

specifications through 2013 and develop a comprehensive specifications package for 2014-16 to address some elements of the Amendment 4 court order. Also on the agenda will be the review and discussion of the recent benchmark stock assessment for Atlantic Herring (SAW/SARC 54). The Committees will also review and discuss recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) regarding scientific uncertainty and the specification of ABC. They will review and discuss issues related to management uncertainty and develop recommendation for specification of management uncertainty and a stockwide ACL.

Additionally, the Committees will discuss other elements of herring fishery specifications and possible options for management area sub-ACLs. They will address other business as necessary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC214**

#### Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 31 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Post-Data Workshop Webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 31 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper fishery will consist of a series of workshops and supplemental webinars. This notice is for a webinar associated with the Data Workshop of the SEDAR process. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 31 Post-Data Workshop Webinar will be held on September 20, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. EDT. The established time may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the stock assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the times established by this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The webinar will be held via a GoToMeeting Webinar Conference. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Ryan Rindone at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request meeting information at least 24 hours in advance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Rindone, SEDAR Coordinator, 2203 N. Lois Ave., Suite 1100, Tampa FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630; email: [ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries, has 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 including a workshop and webinars, (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 documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery

Management Council, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, and NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGOs; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

#### **SEDAR 31 Post-Data Workshop Webinar**

Panelists will continue deliberations and discussions regarding data evaluation methodologies for the Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper prior to the completion of the Data Workshop Report.

#### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

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#### **COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

##### **Availability of a Legal Entity Identifier Meeting the Requirements of the Regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Designation of Provider of Legal Entity Identifiers To Be Used in the Recordkeeping and Swap Data Reporting**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Order.

**SUMMARY:** On July 23, 2012, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission issued an order designating DTCC-SWIFT as the provider of the legal entity identifiers (LEIs) which will be used by registered entities and swap counterparties in complying with the CFTC's swap data reporting regulations. These identifiers will be known as CFTC Interim Compliant Identifiers (CICIs) until establishment of a global LEI system, and will transition into the global LEI system when it is established. The order included findings of fact by the Commission that the CICI provided by DTCC-SWIFT is the only available identifier that satisfies all requirements of the Commission's swap data

reporting rules, and can be provided to market participants sufficiently in advance of the initial compliance date for swap data reporting to enable compliance with the rules. The designation is made for a limited term of two years, and is subject to four conditions specified in the order.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Taylor, Associate Director, Division of Market Oversight, 202-418-5488, [dtaylor@cftc.gov](mailto:dtaylor@cftc.gov); or Srini Bangarbale, Chief Data Officer, Office of Data and Technology, 202-418-5315, [sbangarbale@cftc.gov](mailto:sbangarbale@cftc.gov); Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20851.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 21(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act, ("CEA"), added to the CEA by Section 728 of the Dodd-Frank Act, directs the Commission to prescribe standards that specify the data elements for each swap that shall be reported to, and collected and maintained by, swap data repositories. Pursuant to this authority, part 45 of the Commission's regulations establishes recordkeeping and data reporting requirements for swaps subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.<sup>1</sup> Section 45.6, *Legal entity identifiers*, includes a legal entity identifier ("LEI") for each swap counterparty among the data elements required to be reported for each swap. That section provides that:

Each counterparty to any swap subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission shall be identified in all recordkeeping and all swap data reporting pursuant to this part by means of a single legal entity identifier as specified in this section.<sup>2</sup>

As noted in part 45, and stated in the CPSS-IOSCO *Report on OTC Derivatives Data Reporting and Aggregation Requirements*, "a standard system of LEIs is an essential tool for aggregation of OTC derivatives data."<sup>3</sup>

In order to enable compliance with this requirement by registered entities and swap counterparties subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, part 45 provides that:

The Commission shall determine, as provided in paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section, whether a legal entity identifier system that satisfies the requirements set forth in this section is

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR part 45, Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements, 77 FR 2136 (Jan. 13, 2012), <http://www.cftc.gov/ucm/groups/public/@lrfederalregister/documents/file/2011-33199a.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> § 45.6.

<sup>3</sup> Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems and Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions, *Report on OTC Derivatives Data Reporting and Aggregation Requirements* (Dec. 2011).