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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fishery regulations at 50 CFR 648.77(b) authorize the Regional Administrator of the Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP), shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, Kentucky, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the fishing year 2013 Federal surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to ITQ allocation holders in these fisheries from NMFS within the next several weeks.

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

Dated: October 12, 2012.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

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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's (Council) Groundfish Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311; fax: (207) 772-4017.

*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 Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to continue development of Framework Adjustment 48 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will review all options that have been developed and may select preferred alternatives for this action. Measures in the framework include specifications for Fishing Year 2013-15, additional sub-Annual Catch Limits, measures that address monitoring issues for groundfish sectors, changes to accountability measures, recreational fishing measures, and measures that would allow limited access to existing year-round groundfish closed areas. The Committee will also review suggested Council priorities for 2013, and may develop recommendations for those priorities. The Committee will also consider developing possible mitigation measures for the low catch levels expected in Fishing Year 2013, such as recommending the Council pursue measures to increase landings of skates, dogfish, and monkfish. Committee recommendations will be considered by the Council at the November Council meeting. Other business may be discussed.

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 identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 15, 2012.

**William D. Chappell,**

*Acting Deputy 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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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel (AP) in North Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place November 7-8, 2012. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (843) 744-4422; fax: (843) 744-4472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the Snapper Grouper AP will meet from 9 a.m. on November 7, 2012, until 3 p.m. on November 8, 2012.

The meeting will address updates from the October 2012 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting, including: Results of the vermilion snapper and red porgy assessments and the yellowtail snapper benchmark assessment; and the probability of rebuilding for black sea bass. Additionally, the AP will receive updates on recently completed amendments and provide input on developing amendments, including: Regulatory Amendment 13, which would adjust Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) for unassessed snapper grouper species to incorporate revised recreational landings estimates based on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP); Regulatory Amendment 15, which contains measures that would allow future harvest of red snapper, adjust the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC), ACLs, and Annual Catch Target (ACT) for yellowtail snapper based on the most recent stock assessment as well as

modify the Accountability Measure (AM) for gag that prohibits the harvest of shallow water groupers species when the gag ACL is met; and Amendment 27, which would address management measures for blue runner. Amendment 27 would also transfer management responsibility of yellowtail snapper, mutton snapper and Nassau grouper from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and make revisions to the framework process to minimize regulatory delay when adjustments to the ABC, ACLs, and ACTs are needed. The AP will provide recommendations to the Council on visioning and long-term strategic planning for the snapper grouper fishery and address other business as needed.

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#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: October 16, 2012.

**William D. Chappell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Herring Advisory Panel and Herring Oversight Committee will hold meetings to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** These meetings will be held November 6-7, 2012. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; Telephone: (978) 535-4600; Fax: (978) 535-8238. The meeting will also be available via webinar. Details on webinar registration are available at [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*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 panel and committee's schedule and agenda for the following two meetings are as follows:

1. *Tuesday, November 6, 2012 beginning at 10 a.m.—Herring Advisory Panel Meeting;* The panel will discuss the development of the 2013-15 Atlantic herring fishery specifications and develop related recommendations for the Herring Committee and Council to consider.

2. *Wednesday, November 7, 2012 beginning at 9:30 a.m.—Herring Oversight Committee Meeting;* The Committee will continue development of alternatives for consideration in the 2013-15 Atlantic herring fishery specifications; 2013-15 herring fishery specifications include alternatives for 2013-15 overfishing limit (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC) and ABC control rule, management uncertainty and a total annual catch limit (ACL), domestic annual harvesting (DAH), domestic annual processing (DAP), Border Transfer (BT), options for sub-ACLs (annual quotas) for four herring management areas, and set-asides for research and fixed gear fisheries. They will address other business as necessary.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panel

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

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS solicits nominations for the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP). NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of the HMS AP when preparing and implementing Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, sharks, and billfish. Nominations are being sought to fill approximately one-third (10) of the seats on the HMS AP for a 3-year appointment. Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations are considered for membership in the HMS AP (note that there are no Environmental/NGO terms expiring, so no nominations for that sector will be considered at this time).

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before November 19, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and requests for the Advisory Panel Statement of