

**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 Advisory Panel will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2013 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 421–0700; fax: (401) 455–3040.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas A. Nies, 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 Advisory Panel will meet, primarily to develop recommendations on issues that will be discussed during the June 11, 2013 joint meeting of the Groundfish and Habitat Oversight Committees and the June 12, 2013 meeting of the Groundfish Oversight Committee. They will discuss issues related to Amendment 18 of the Northeast Multispecies FMP to include: Review Plan Development Team analyses to date; Develop recommendations on a purpose and need statement, and on potentially revising the goals and objectives. Also on the agenda will be items related to the alternatives development for the Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2 (OA2) which will include: Development of appropriate bridle length caps to be used on no-groundcable trawl gear within two potential adverse effects habitat management areas in the Great South Channel and on Georges Shoal. These gear modification options could be implemented via OA2 if approved by the Council. They will also develop a list of key groundfish gear

characteristics to be part of a data collection program, which could be implemented via OA2 if approved by the Council. The information gathered via this data collection program would be used to develop gear modification options to minimize the adverse effects of fishing on EFH in future management actions. The panel will address other business as necessary.

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 Thomas A. Nies (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 20, 2013.

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Research Set-Aside Committee, its Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee, its Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2013 through Thursday, June 13, 2013. See

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

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Double Tree Hilton Tinton Falls-Eatontown, 700 Hope Road, Eatontown, NJ 07724; telephone: (732) 544–9300.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

8 a.m. until 11 a.m.—The Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish (MSB) Committee will meet.

11 a.m. until 3 p.m.—The Surfclam and Ocean Quahog (SC/OQ) Committee will meet.

3 p.m.—The Council will convene.

3 p.m. until 5 p.m.—The Council Strategic Plan will be discussed.

5 p.m. until 6 p.m.—The Listening Session will be held.

**Wednesday, June 12, 2013**

9 a.m.—The Council will convene.

9 a.m. until 11 a.m.—The Omnibus Recreational Amendment will be discussed.

11 a.m. until 12 p.m.—There will be an Update on Atlantic Sturgeon Biological Opinion.

1 p.m. until 3 p.m.—The Council will discuss MSB Committee actions and approve annual specifications and related management measures.

3 p.m. until 5 p.m.—The Council will discuss SC/OQ Committee actions and approve the Data Collection Protocol document by the FMAT.

**Thursday, June 13, 2013**

9 a.m. until 10 a.m.—The Executive Committee will meet.

10 a.m. until 2 p.m.—The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the December 2012 and April 2013 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report; Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are:

On Tuesday, June 11—The MSB Committee will review and develop recommendations for annual MSB specifications and related management measures, including but limited to: Butterfish Allowable Biological Catch for 2014, river herring/shad cap for the mackerel fishery, gear stowage requirements, longfin roll-over and reserve options, longfin mesh