SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will continue development of potential alternatives for FY2014 and FY2015 (default) specifications being considered in Framework 25.

Specifications include days-at-sea allocations, access area allocations, individual fishing quota (IFQ) allocations for the general category fishery, a hard total allowable catch (TAC) for the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) area and target TAC for vessels with a general category incidental catch permit. The Committee will also finalize other measures being considered: (1) Measures for unused 2012 and 2013 Closed Area I access area trips; and (2) accountability measures for Southern New England/Mid Atlantic (SNE/MA) windowpane flounder. The Committee will make final recommendations for the Council to consider for 2014 Council work priorities. Finally, there will be a presentation from the Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) about regional ocean planning efforts, specifically fishing characterization maps that have been developed. Other issues 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 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

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