

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to review the 2017 stock assessment for Pacific sardine. The review panel will consist of three members of the Pacific Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee's Subcommittee on Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS), and two independent experts. The Pacific Council will use the 2017 assessment to establish Pacific sardine fishery management measures and harvest specifications for the 2017-18 fishing year. The Pacific sardine fishing year begins July 1 and ends the following June 30 each year. Representatives of the Council's CPS Management Team and the CPS Advisory Subpanel will also participate in the review, as advisers.

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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the panel'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 Mr. Dale Sweetnam, (858) 546-7170, at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 27, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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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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 Scallop Advisory Panel 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 Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 139 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI 02903; phone: (401) 861-8000.

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:

Agenda

The Scallop Advisory Panel will receive an update on measures expected to be adopted in Framework Adjustment 28. Review the general workload for 2017 based on Council priorities, and initial progress on these work items. They will receive an update on the limited access general category IFQ five-year program review. Other business may be discussed 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 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 Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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

Dated: January 27, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: ONMS is seeking applications for vacant seats for six of its 13 national marine sanctuary advisory councils and Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council (advisory councils). Vacant seats, including positions (*i.e.*, primary and alternate), for each of the advisory councils are listed in this notice under Supplementary Information. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; views regarding the protection and management of marine or Great Lakes resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants chosen as members or alternates should expect to serve two or three-year terms, pursuant to the charter of the specific national marine sanctuary advisory council or Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council.

DATES: Applications are due before or by Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Application kits are specific to each advisory council. As such, application kits must be obtained from and returned to the council-specific addresses noted below.

- Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Kelly Drinnen, Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, 4700 Avenue U, Building 216, Galveston, TX 77551; 409-621-5151 extension 105; email Kelly.Drinnen@noaa.gov; or download applications from <http://flowergarden.noaa.gov/advisorycouncil/councilnews.html>.

- Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Chris Hines, NOAA Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411; 912-598-2397; email Chris.Hines@noaa.gov; or download applications from http://graysreef.noaa.gov/management/sac/council_news.html.

- Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Jenn Gamurot, Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, 991 Marine Drive, The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129; 415-970-5252; email Jenn.Gamurot@noaa.gov; or download applications from <http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html>.

- Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Shannon Ruseborn, NOAA Inouye Regional Center, NOS/ONMS/ HIHWNMS/Shannon Ruseborn, 1845 Wasp Boulevard, Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; 808-725-5905; email Shannon.Ruseborn@noaa.gov; or download applications from http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/council/council_app_accepting.html.

- Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Kristen Hart, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 99 Pacific Street, Building 455A, Monterey, CA 93940; 831-647-4206; email Kristen.Hart@noaa.gov; or download applications from <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/welcome.html>.

- Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council: Nicole Evans, NOAA Inouye Regional Center, NOS/ONMS/PMNM/ Nicole Evans, 1845 Wasp Boulevard, Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; 808-725-5818; email Nicole.Evans@noaa.gov; or download applications from www.papahānaumokuākea.gov/council/.

- Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Elizabeth Stokes, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066; 781-545-8026 extension 201; email Elizabeth.Stokes@noaa.gov; or download applications from <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on a particular national marine sanctuary advisory council, please contact the individual identified in the Addresses section of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 13 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public

engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. National marine sanctuary advisory councils are community-based advisory groups established to provide advice and recommendations to the superintendents of national marine sanctuaries on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship; and to serve as liaisons between their constituents in the community and the sanctuary. Additional information on ONMS and its advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>. Materials related to the purpose, policies, and operational requirements for advisory councils can be found in the charter for a particular advisory council (http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/council_charters.html) and the *National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Implementation Handbook* (<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/acref.html>).

The following is a list of the vacant seats, including positions (*i.e.*, primary or alternate), for each of the advisory councils currently seeking applications for primary members and alternates:

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Commercial Fishing (Primary); Conservation (Primary); Oil and Gas Production (Primary).

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Citizen-at-Large (Primary).

Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Conservation (Primary); Education (Primary); Education (Alternate); Mendocino/Sonoma County Community-at-Large (Alternate).

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Business/Commerce (Primary); Molokai Island (Primary); Molokai Island (Alternate); Native Hawaiian (Primary); Oahu Island (Primary); Oahu Island (Alternate); Tourism (Primary).

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Citizen-at-Large (Primary); Citizen-at-Large (Alternate); Diving (Primary); Diving (Alternate); Education (Alternate); Tourism (Primary); Tourism (Alternate).

Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council: Conservation (Primary); Research (Alternate).

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: At-Large

(Primary); Conservation (Alternate); Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (Primary); Research (Primary).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: January 24, 2017.

Christopher Cartwright,
Chief Financial Officer, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Shrimp Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 16, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Morgan Kilgour, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; morgan.kilgour@gulfcouncil.org; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Thursday, February 16, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Items that will be addressed in this meeting include: A biological review of the Texas closure, a review of the new stock assessments for brown, white, and pink shrimp (if available), an update on the new proposed TED regulations, and Shrimp Amendment 17B. Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue. The latest version will be posted on the Council's file server, which can be accessed by going to the Council's Web site at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org> and