

Recreational 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, January 24, 2018 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01950; phone: (978) 777-2500.

*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 Recreational Advisory Panel will provide recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on FY2018 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock, and possibly Georges Bank cod. The advisory panel will also consider providing a recommendation to the Groundfish Committee for a new control date for the party/charter fishery. They will also receive an overview of the Council's priorities for 2018. Other business will 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 these meetings. 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.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XF919**

**Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold an Archipelagic Plan Team (APT) meeting to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The APT will meet on Friday, January 26, 2018, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The APT meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St. Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813 and by teleconference and webinar. The teleconference will be conducted by telephone and by web. The teleconference numbers are U.S. toll-free: 1-888-482-3560 or International Access: +1 647 723-3959, and Access Code: 5228220. The webinar can be accessed at: <https://wprfmc.webex.com/join/info.wpcouncilnoaa.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Schedule and Agenda for the APT Meeting**

*Friday, January 26, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of draft agenda and assignment of rapporteurs
3. Scoping: Non-Fishing Impacts to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)
4. Update on Ecosystem Component Species Amendment
5. Public Comment
6. Other Business
7. Discussion and Recommendations
8. Break Out Groups
  - A. Refinement of Precious Corals EFH
  - B. Monitoring Ecosystem Components and Species in Need of

Conservation and Management

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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 four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, January 29 through Thursday, February 1, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The meeting will take place at the Hyatt Centric French Quarter hotel, located at 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112; telephone: (504) 586-0800.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Gregory, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Monday, January 29, 2018; 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.*

The meeting will begin in FULL COUNCIL SESSION to review and discuss the appointments for the 2018 Committee Roster. The Spiny Lobster Management Committee will review the