

2. Make recommendations on biological stock structure and the assessment unit stock or stocks to be addressed through SEDAR 58 and document the rationale behind the recommendations.

3. Discuss the strength of evidence in support of stock ID recommendations with particular attention on those that result in a mismatch of biological stock structure, assessment unit stock recommendations, and existing management unit boundaries.

4. If biological stock structure recommendations, assessment unit recommendations, and existing management units (state and federal) do not align, provide guidance to address the relative risks (biological and management) and consequences of managing based on existing Council or prior assessment boundaries.

5. Provide recommendations for future research on stock structure.

6. Prepare a report providing complete documentation of workshop recommendations and decisions.

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

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

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

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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 Habitat 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 Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

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:

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The Advisory Panel will review information developed by the Plan Development Team (PDT) to support the Clam Dredge Framework Adjustment, which is considering continued hydraulic dredge exemptions in the Great South Channel Habitat Management Area. They will also discuss any clam dredge exemption alternatives recommended by the PDT; suggest additional alternatives for Committee consideration. The panel will discuss other habitat-related initiatives as needed, this would include engagement in offshore energy issues; particularly any BOEM actions open for public comment at the time of the meeting. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

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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.

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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 will hold a one-day meeting of its Ad Hoc Red Snapper & Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place 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. Ava Lasseter, Anthropologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; ava.lasseter@gulfcouncil.org, telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, April 10, 2018; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., EDT:

Charge Ad Hoc Red Snapper & Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP: To assess the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program 5-year Review and Amendment 36B and provide recommendations to the Council relative to changes in the IFQ programs.

I. Welcome and Introductions