

the application, consultations with the appropriate fishery management agencies of the affected states, Councils, and the U.S. Coast Guard, and a determination that the activities to be taken under the EFP are consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

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

Dated: June 26, 2018.

**Margo B. Schulze-Haugen,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG323**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings, request for comments

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold five public hearings to solicit Public comments on Draft Amendment 22 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP), including a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). To meet the purpose and need, this amendment proposes alternatives that would initiate a limited access program for the small-mesh multispecies fishery, adjust whiting and red hake possession limits, and modify permit types and characteristics making them consistent with limited access.

**DATES:** These meetings will be held between July 19–26, 2018. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Written or Electronic Public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, August 6, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing documents are accessible electronically via the internet <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-22> or by request to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950, telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**Meeting address:** The meetings will be held in Gloucester, MA; Tinton Falls, NJ; Montauk, NY; Warwick, RI and New Bedford, MA. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Public Comments:** Written public hearing comments on the DEIS for

Amendment 22 may be sent by any of the following methods: Mail to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; email to the following address: [comments@nefmc.org](mailto:comments@nefmc.org) with “DEIS for Amendment 22 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP” in the subject line. Or fax to (978) 465-3116.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Hearing, Dates and Locations:

The agenda for the following five hearings is as follows: Council staff will brief the public on the amendment’s alternatives and the contents of the DEIS prior to opening the hearing for public comments and the schedule is as follows:

*Public Hearings: Locations, Schedules, and Agendas*

1. *Thursday, July 19, 2018, 4–6 p.m.,* MA DMF of Marine Fisheries, Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station, 30 Emerson Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930;

2. *Monday, July 23, 2018, 7–9 p.m.,* DoubleTree by Hilton, 700 Hope Drive, Tinton Falls, NJ 07244;

3. *Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 5–7 p.m.,* Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation Inc., 240 Edgemere Street, Montauk, NY 11954;

4. *Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 7–9 p.m.,* Hampton Inn & Suites, 2100 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886;

5. *Thursday, July 26, 2018, 7–9 p.m.,* Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Additional information on the review is available on the Council website, [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). The public also should be aware that the hearings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

#### 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.*

Dated:

June 27, 2018.

**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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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting (webinar).

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council) Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will hold a meeting via webinar that is open to the public.

**DATES:** The webinar will be held Monday July 23, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., or until business has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. A public listening station is available at the Pacific Council office (address below). To attend the webinar, use this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar> (click “Join a Webinar” in top right corner of page); (1) Enter the Webinar ID: 683-377-106; (2) Enter your name and email address (required). You must use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting by dialing this TOLL number: 1-631-992-3221; (3) Enter the Attendee phone audio access code 217-555-003; (4) Enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). *Note:* We have disabled Mic/Speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. Technical Information and System Requirements: PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (see <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at [Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2280, extension 411 for technical assistance.

**Council address:** Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE

Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kerry Griffin, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2409.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is for the CPSMT to develop a range of alternatives for an amendment to the CPS Fishery Management Plan that would address changes in the catch allowances for the CPS live bait fishery when a CPS stock is in an overfished condition. The Council established a process that includes adopting a range of alternatives at the September 2018 meeting and final action at the November 2018 meeting. As time allows, the CPSMT may discuss other topics on the agenda for the Council's September meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

The public listening station is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at [kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); telephone: (503) 820-2411 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 27, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XG322**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel and River

Herring and Shad Advisory Panel of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only audio connection to participate: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/msb-rh-s/>. Telephone instructions are provided upon connecting, or the public can call direct: (800) 832-0736, Rm: \*7833942#.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their website at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to provide input on the pending framework action that addresses mackerel rebuilding, mackerel specifications, and the river herring and shad cap for the mackerel fishery.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to any meeting date.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Post-Data Workshop Webinar for Caribbean Spiny Lobster**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 57 Post-Data Workshop Webinar for Caribbean spiny lobster.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 57 stock assessment process for Caribbean spiny lobster will consist of a Data Workshop, a series of data and assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 57 Post-Data Workshop Webinar will be held July 24, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571-4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff