

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648–XG407

**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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Law Enforcement Committee, Tilefish Committee, and Highly Migratory Species Committee will jointly hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call. Details on the proposed agenda, connection information, and briefing materials will be posted at the MAFMC's website: [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; [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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) Law Enforcement Committee, Tilefish Committee, and Highly Migratory Species Committee will jointly to discuss two important issue: (1) The sale of golden tilefish and tuna by recreational vessels that do not possess permits allowing for the sale of those species or possess Coast Guard vessel safety requirements for commercial vessels; (2) Responsibilities of for-hire captains regarding fishing regulation (e.g., minimum size limit, bag limit) on for-hire-trips. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss these two issues and develop an agenda and set of questions to be discussed at a workshop at a later date. An agenda and background documents will be posted at the Council's website ([www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)) prior to the meeting.

**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 the meeting date.

Dated: August 22, 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**

RIN 0648–XG434

**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 Herring Committee 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, September 19, 2018 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1 Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245–9300.

*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 Committee will review results from the 2018 herring benchmark assessment (65th Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop, SAW 65). They will review public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Amendment 8 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and discuss final preferred alternative recommendations. They will also discuss possible measures to include for consideration in the 2019–21 fishery specifications action including discussion of a potential independent action for fishing year 2019 that NOAA Fisheries may develop. A separate action may be considered to set

fishery specifications for 2019 because final measures for 2019–21 developed through the Council process are not expected to be implemented until mid-year of 2019. Also on the agenda is initial discussion of potential 2019 herring work priorities. They will discuss other business as necessary.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. 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: August 22, 2018.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ecosystem and Ocean Planning (EOP) Committee will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone (410) 234–0550.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; website: [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 for the EOP

Committee to utilize the information from the approved Risk Assessment and identify scientific and management priorities, as outlined in the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) guidance document. The Committee will consider different ways to evaluate the Risk Assessment to help identify priorities for Council consideration. In addition, the Committee may take up any other business as necessary. A detailed agenda and any pertinent background documents will be made available on the Council's website ([www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)) prior to the meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG430**

#### 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 Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; phone: (774) 634-2000.

*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 review results from SARC 65 Benchmark Assessment and preliminary 2018 scallop survey results. They will discuss initial recommendations from the Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT) for FY 2019 and FY 2020 (default) fishery specifications (Framework 30); The panel will also review and provide input on Framework 30 management measures; which include standard default measures. They also plan to review and discuss results from Committee tasking on LAGC IFQ trip limits. The panel will receive an update on progress toward 2018 work priorities and develop a list of potential 2019 scallop work priorities. 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 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

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ecosystem and Ocean Planning (EOP) Committee will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place over webinar with a telephone-only connection option. Details on how to connect to the webinar by computer and by telephone will be available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

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**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 for the EOP Committee to review the NOAA Fisheries draft Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) Implementation Plan for the Northeast Region. The draft plan is currently available for public comment until September 30, 2018. Given the scope and potential role the draft plan may have with the Council's Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) guidance document, the Committee will review and develop comments specific to the draft Northeast Regional plan.

A detailed agenda and any pertinent background documents will be made available on the Council's website ([www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)) prior to the meeting.

##### Special Accommodations

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