

Thursday, December 9, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be at the Holiday Inn Select, Interstate 95 and Naamans Road, Claymont (North Wilmington), DE 19703; telephone 302-792-2700.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2004**

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the MSA Reauthorization Committee will meet.  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Ecosystem Committee will meet.

**Wednesday, December 8, 2004**

8:30-9:30 a.m., the Executive Committee will meet.  
9:30 a.m., the Council will convene.  
9:30-11:45 a.m., the Council will meet jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board (Board) to establish recreational management measures of the 2005 summer flounder fishery.

1 p.m., Council will present its 2004 Fisheries Achievement Award.

1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Council, jointly with the ASMFC's Board, will set recreation management measures for scup and black sea bass fisheries for 2005.

**Thursday, December 9, 2004**

8:30 a.m., the Council will convene.  
8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Council will hear a NMFS presentation regarding its Sea Turtle Strategy under the Endangered Species Act.

9:30 a.m. until adjournment, Council will approve the August and October Council meeting minutes, hear organizational reports, receive status of the Council's Fishery Management Plans, and hear the Executive Director's Report. Council will then receive Committee and Council liaison reports and address any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: on December 7, the meeting of the MSA Reauthorization Committee will review Bills proposed during the 108th Congress, discuss U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report and its implications on MSA, and discuss

strengths and weaknesses of current law and how it could be reinforced or modified; and, the meeting of the Ecosystem Committee will review NMFS' ecosystem survey meeting outcome, and review the status of GIS (Geographic Information System) capabilities and applications for fishery management. On December 8, the meeting of the Executive Committee will discuss the implication of decoupling Council and Commission FMPs, and possible elimination/transfer of authority to jointly manage dogfish and monkfish FMPs. The joint meeting with the ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will set recreational management for the 2005 summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational fisheries. For each fishery, the Council and Commission will review and discuss the Monitoring Committee's recommendations on management measures, and will also review and discuss the Advisory Panels' recommendations on management measures. Council will present its Fisheries Achievement Award to Sonja Fordham of The Ocean Conservancy. On December 9, the Council will convene at 8:30 a.m. to receive a presentation from NMFS regarding its Sea Turtle Strategy under the Endangered Species Act; approve August and October Council meeting minutes; hear organizational reports, liaison reports, internal staff reports and committee reports; and, act on any new and/or continuing business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 actions to address such emergencies.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo (302-674-2331) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 111704D]

**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee in December, 2004 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:** The meeting will be held on December 6, 2004 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (978) 339-2200.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee will meet to begin the development of fishery management measures to reduce potential bycatch in fisheries, in particular the very large 2003-year class of haddock.

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**Special Accommodations**

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Dated: November 18, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111704C]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings December 6 through December 14, 2004 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 6 and continue through Saturday December 11, 2004. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 6, 2004, and continue through Wednesday, December 8, 2004. The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8 and continuing through Tuesday December 14. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, December 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Council Plenary Session:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports
  - Executive Director's Report
  - National Marine Fisheries Service Management Report
  - Enforcement Report
  - Coast Guard Report

Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report (and review of proposals to Board of Fisheries)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report Protected Species Report (Review MMPA listing proposed rule

2. Crab Rationalization: Review proposed rule and comment.

3. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish (GOA) Rationalization: Receive report from Community Committee, refine alternatives and options for analysis.

4. GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project: Review available information and take action as necessary.

5. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Habitat Area Particular Concern (HAPC): Review Alternative 5B options analysis; and finalize alternatives. Review HAPC Process, and consider revisions as necessary. Update on proposed Dixon Entrance HAPC area, action as necessary.

6. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Finalize alternatives and options, and revise problem statement for Amendment 80.

7. Observer Program: Preliminary review of analysis of program restructuring.

8. Halibut/Sablefish Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQs) Program: Report from IFQ implementation Team and consider initiating amendments. Final Action on 4C/4D amendment. Final action on omnibus regulatory amendments.

9. Halibut Subsistence: Final action on omnibus regulatory amendment.

10. Pacific Cod Allocation: Review background paper and develop problem statement and alternatives.

11. Groundfish Management: Aleutian Island Special Management Area, review preliminary discussion paper. Bering Sea Aleutian Island Salmon Bycatch, develop problem statement and alternatives. Review rockfish management discussion paper (T). Receive report from Non-Target Species Committee. Final groundfish specifications for Gulf of Alaska. Final groundfish specifications for Bering Sea Aleutian Islands. Final action on FMP updates.

12. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and Committee and initiate action as appropriate.

13. Other Business.

*Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC):* The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. EFH and HAPC
  2. Groundfish Management
  3. Observer Program
- Advisory Panel:* The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.

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before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

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Dated: November 18, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111704B]

#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process for the Caribbean Yellowtail Snapper and Spiny Lobster consists of a series of three workshops: a data workshop, an assessment workshop, and a review workshop. As part of this series, a Data Workshop is being held. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 8 Data Workshop for yellowtail snapper and spiny lobster will take place December 6-10, 2004. The workshop will be held December 6, 2004, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; December 7-9, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and December 10, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The Data Workshop will be held at the Frenchman's Reef and Morningstar Resort, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas, VI 00801; telephone: (340) 776-8500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carmichael, SEDAR Coordinator, SEDAR/SAFMC, One Southpark Circle,