

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

[I.D. 021003D]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Magnuson-Stevens Act Committee in March, 2003. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Providence Biltmore, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 421-0700.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council's Magnuson-Stevens Act Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 4, 2002 at 6 p.m. or following the last scheduled item on the agenda for the New England Fishery Management Council meeting. The Committee plans to discuss issues related to reauthorization of the Magnuson-Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

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 this meeting. 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 Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: February 11, 2003.

**Theophilus R. Brainerd,**

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

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

[I.D. 102102A]

**National Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft plan.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the availability of a draft National Plan of Action (NPOA) developed pursuant to the International Plan of Action (IPOA) for the Management of Fishing Capacity by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Committee on Fisheries (COFI) Ministerial Meeting in February 1999. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments on the draft NPOA.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than March 17, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the draft NPOA should be submitted to Matteo Milazzo, Regulatory Services Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 301-713-0596. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matteo Milazzo at 301-713-2337, fax 301-713-0596.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Electronic Access**

The draft U.S. NPOA for the Management of Fishing Capacity is available electronically at the following address: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/sfweb/index.htm>.

**Background**

The United States played a significant role during the 1990s in global programs to accurately identify and assess the problem of overcapacity in marine fisheries, and was a key player in the FAO technical and policy-level consultations of 1997-1999 that led to

the International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity. The IPOA calls on member nations to voluntarily develop, adopt and make public national plans of action for the management of fishing capacity, and if required, reduce fishing capacity in order to balance fishing capacity with available resources on a sustainable basis. The plans are to be based on an assessment of fish stocks and should give due consideration to the socio-economic aspects of reducing fishing capacity.

The United States has been committed to developing this national plan, and reporting on its implementation to FAO/COFI. NMFS seeks public comments on the Capacity NPOA and the public's input will be used to develop the final NPOA.

Dated: February 11, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION****Sunshine Act; Meeting****AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2003.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Personnel Matters.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION****Sunshine Act; Meeting****AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2003.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance Matters.