

18, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., approximately.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef Morning Star Beach Resort, #5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas, USVI 00802.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will hold its 114th regular public meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

**December 17th, 2003**

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

Consideration of 113th Council Meeting Verbatim Minutes

Executive Director's Report

USA/UK Virgin Islands Fishery Issues

Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Draft Document

5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Administrative Committee Meeting

Advisory Panel (AP)/Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)/Habitat Advisory Panel (HAP) Membership

Budget: 2002, 2003, 2004-5

Pending Travel and Contracts

Other Business

**December 18, 2003**

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Continuation of Discussion SFA Draft Document

Administrative Committee Recommendations

**December 17th, 2003**

Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

Other Business

Next Council Meeting

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues. 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 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**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 20, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 111803C]

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on December 9, 2003 and will conclude by 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, TX 77061; telephone: 713-645-3000.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At this meeting, the Texas Habitat Protection AP will tentatively discuss the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Bahia Grande restoration project, the Sabine-Neches waterway deepening project, the mouth of the Colorado River project, the possible reopening of Parker's Cut, current freshwater inflow issues in

Texas, beneficial uses of dredged material in Galveston Bay, and information on the Harte Research Institute.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

The AP is composed of persons from recreational and commercial fishing groups, conservation organizations, academia, and state and federal resource agencies.

The Texas Habitat Protection AP's principal role is to assist the Council in attempting to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. The Texas Habitat Protection AP serves as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities that may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. The AP may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 2, 2003.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 111803E]

**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 Research Steering Committee in December, 2003. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Peabody Marriott, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-9700.

*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; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will discuss and continue work on a process to review and integrate the results of cooperative research into the management process. It will also work on developing research priorities for 2004 for consideration by the Council and the NMFS Regional Administrator.

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#### Special Accommodations

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Dated: November 19, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111703F]

#### 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 Habitat Committee in December, 2003 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 8, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Village Inn, One Beach Street, Narragansett, RI 02882; telephone: (401) 783-6767. Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950, telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Habitat Oversight Committee will discuss the upcoming Omnibus Habitat Amendment including, but not limited to, the review of the Draft Timeline, Draft Notice of Intent, Draft Request for Proposals for Habitat Areas of Particular Concern and Dedicated Habitat Research Areas, and inclusion of the Draft Habitat Advisory Panel Process.

The meeting will also include a recap of Council decisions in Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Amendment 13 to the Multispecies FMP. In addition, the Committee will be updated on the status of the American Oceans Campaign v. Daley lawsuit settlement agreement requirements and any NMFS Essential Fish Habitat Consultations of particular interest to the Council. The Committee will also be updated on recent Marine Protected Area (MPA) work by the formerly separate MPA Committee. The timeline for development of a Council policy on

MPAs will be developed. Possible closed session for the discussion and selection of habitat advisory panel.

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Dated: November 18, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111703J]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Fur Sea Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Fur Seal Committee will meet December 11, 2003 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled December 11, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. King Salmon Room.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W3rd Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Wilson, Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**