

Council will receive a presentation by Preston Pate on the NMFS' Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). The Executive Committee will then review the highlights of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act Workshop, review the highlights of the Northeast Regional Coordinating Council (NRCC) meeting, and review the Council's proposed 2008 Annual Work Plan (AWP).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 - the Council will convene at 9 a.m. to review and approve the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and public hearing document (PHD) for Amendment 10 to the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish FMP which is intended to rebuild the butterfish fishery. The Council will then consider any continuing and/or new business.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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's (Council)

Multispecies (Groundfish) Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

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 items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

The Multispecies (Groundfish) Oversight Committee will meet to continue development of Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will review suggestions for changes to the effort control systems for common pool vessels. They will identify which suggestions will impact fishing mortality and may develop recommendations on those measures that should be pursued in Amendment 16. This discussion may include, but is not limited to, changes to the days-at-sea system, access to closed areas, trip limits, annual catch limits, etc. The Committee may continue its discussion of sector management issues. The Committee may also discuss other Amendment 16 issues. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to the Council for action at a future date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 16-18, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg 4, Room 2076, Seattle, WA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wilson, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSLMC will initiate proposal analysis which will include the following steps: (a) review 2001/02 Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives process and criteria; (b) review applicable federal laws and orders (Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, National Environmental Policy Act); (c) review jeopardy and adverse modification standards/criteria; (d) review status quo critical habitat harvest data; (e) adopt SSLMC goals and objectives; (f) initiate proposal analysis using Outside The Model Considerations; (g) review preliminary data sets; (h) identify information needs and develop data requests.

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