

during the type evaluation of weighing and measuring devices.

Scales Code

Item 320-1. Zero Indication; Requirements for Markings or Indications for Other than Digital Zero Indications: this item would clarify the requirement's original intent for marking zero indications on scales and point-of-sale systems where a zero is represented by other than a digital indication of zero.

Item 320-3. Revise Shift Test for Scales: this item would modify requirements for the placement of test weights and test loads on weighing devices.

Item 320-5. Maintenance Tolerances: this item is a proposal to align tolerances in NIST Handbook 44 with recommendations for nonautomatic scales from Organization of International Legal Metrology (OIML).

Item 320-6. Time Dependence Tests: this is a proposal to align the type approval requirements for the time dependence (creep) test for scales and load cells with OIML requirements.

Item 320-8. Computing Scale Interfaced to a Cash Register: this proposal is intended to address the proper interface of computing scales with Electronic Cash Registers (ECRs) and to clarify how each component must display transaction information, function in taking tare, and operate with Price-Look-Up (PLU) capability.

Item 320-11. Acceptable International Symbols: this is a proposal to include a list of accepted international symbols for marking operational controls, indications and features on scales in NIST Handbook 44.

Belt-Conveyor Scale Systems

Item 321-1. Official and As-found Tests: the purpose of this item is to improve the accuracy of these systems by encouraging users to conduct random as-found tests and to improve their recordkeeping concerning scale maintenance and performance.

Liquid-Measuring Devices

Item 330-4. Diversion of Measured Flow: this item is a proposal to revise requirements for valves and piping on liquid measuring devices so that they are consistent through-out the handbook.

Vehicle-Tank Meters

Item 331-3. Temperature Compensation: this proposal would add a number of specifications, test notes, and tolerances to recognize automatic temperature compensation on vehicle-tank meters and specify the tests to be

conducted on meters equipped with automatic temperature compensation. Temperature compensation is under consideration by the Laws and Regulations Committee as described below in Item 232-1.

Cryogenic Liquid Measuring Devices 334-1 Provision for Security Seals: this is a proposal to add a requirement that these meters have electronic security seals.

NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130, "Uniform Laws and Regulations—in the Areas of Legal Metrology and Engine Fuel Quality."

Method of Sale of Commodities Regulation

Item 232-1. Temperature Compensation: add provisions to permit the temperature compensation of refined petroleum products to the volume at 15 °C (60 °F) for deliveries in both wholesale and retail (service station) transactions.

Item 232-2. Biodiesel and Fuel Ethanol Labeling: this item requires the identification and labeling of biodiesel fuels and blends at retail service stations.

Engine Fuels, Petroleum Products, and Automotive Lubricants Regulation

Item 237-1. Premium Diesel Lubricity: this is a proposal to amend the lubricity requirement for premium diesel fuel to make them consistent with the appropriate ASTM standard for this product.

Interpretations and Guidelines and Others

Item 250-2. Guideline for the Method of Sale of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: this is a proposal to allow farmers' markets and other retailers to sell products by various methods of sale including weight, measure or count.

NIST Handbook 133 "Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods"

Item 260-1. Moisture Loss in Packaged Goods: this item proposes to add guidance regarding moisture loss from packaged goods.

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William Jeffrey,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Special Management Zone (SMZ) Monitoring Team.

DATES: The SMZ Monitoring Team meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1 and conclude no later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408; telephone: (850) 234-6541.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Lukens, SMZ Monitoring Team Chairman; telephone: (228) 875-5912.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc. and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources/ Marine Resources Division have both petitioned the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) for Special Management Zone (SMZ) status for artificial reef areas off their respective coasts. SMZ status allows for the implementation of gear restrictions that are required when fishing within a zone. This means that regulations for fishing within an SMZ would be different than regulations for fishing anywhere else in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone, only with respect to gears.

The Council established the SMZ Monitoring Team to provide technical advice regarding requests from petitioners. The SMZ Monitoring Team meeting will consist of the following discussion topics:

- Reports from petitioners
- Discussion regarding adequacy of the reports to address the FMP Framework Provision
- Discussion of data needs
- Discussion of time and location of public workshops
- Wrap up and general discussion of the process

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SMZ Monitoring Team for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SMZ Monitoring Team will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: January 12, 2006.

Emily Menashes,

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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 public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 3-day Council meeting on January 31, and February 1 and 2, 2006, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2006, through Thursday, February 2, 2006, beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME; telephone: (207) 775-2311.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Following introductions, the Council will receive reports from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, the NMFS Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Joint New England and Mid-Atlantic Council Trawl Survey Committee. During the morning session, the Council will review the Habitat Committee's work on development of essential fish habitat (EFH) designation alternatives and alternatives for Habitat Areas of Particular Concern, both under consideration for inclusion in the New England Fishery Management Council's (NEFMC) Omnibus EFH Amendment 2. Following a lunch break, there will be an open public comment period to address items not listed on the agenda. A public hearing is then scheduled to receive comments on the revised proposed action (with additional analyses) under consideration for Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This will be followed by a Council vote to approve the final Herring FMP management measures and completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

During the morning session of the meeting the Magnuson-Stevens Act Committee will provide recommendations for Council approval concerning NEFMC positions on a bill currently before Congress. This will be followed by a Stock Assessment Public Review Workshop during which the status of whiting, mackerel, and Illex squid will be reviewed along details of the multispecies virtual population analysis used. The remainder the day will be spent on groundfish-related issues. The Council intends to approve final action on Framework Adjustment

42 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. Measures may include changes to days-at-sea (DAS) allocations or use, possession limits and gear requirements for commercial vessels. They may also address recreational fishing measures, extension of the DAS leasing and transfer programs and Special Access Programs, and possible renewal of the Category B (regular) DAS Program. Framework Adjustment 3 to the Monkfish FMP also will be discussed and possibly approved under the groundfish agenda item, given that it may be incorporated into Framework 42. If approved, measures would prohibit both limited access multispecies and monkfish permit holders from using a multispecies B regular DAS when fishing on a monkfish DAS. A third subject to be addressed during discussions on groundfish involves consideration of a control date for party/charter boats in the Northeast. If approved, vessels participating in the fishery after the control date may be treated differently than those in the fishery prior to implementation of the control date.

Thursday, February 2, 2006

The Council will receive a report on the Ecosystems Pilot Project stakeholder workshops, a presentation on coastal pollution and marine fisheries productivity, and recommendations from the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and Social Sciences Advisory Committee about future directions concerning the incorporation of ecosystems principles into fisheries management programs. The Research Steering Committee will report on its review of completed research projects and research priorities for 2006. During the final agenda item the Scallop Committee will ask the Council for approval of a scoping document for Amendment 11 to the Scallop FMP. The intent of the action contemplated is to provide more effective management for the general category scallop fishery and to change the scallop fishing year. Future scallop management actions and their timelines also will be discussed. The Council also will consider and may approve a recommendation from the Capacity Committee to allow permit stacking for limited access scallop vessels.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal 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