

and, its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 through Thursday, May 4, 2006. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for a meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, 36th & Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, telephone: (757) 425-9000.

*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, extension 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Tuesday, March 2, 2006*

*8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.*—As an integral part of the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) Committee, the Council's Bycatch Committee will participate in a meeting of the SBRM Committee to review the Fishery Management Action Team's (FMAT) progress report on development of an SBRM Amendment and continue discussions related to issues to address in the SBRM Amendment.

*1 p.m. to 5 p.m.*—The Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee will meet to review technically evaluated 2007 RSA project proposals and provide recommendations regarding which proposals best meet Council priorities for 2007.

*2 p.m. to 3 p.m.*—The Protected Resources Committee will meet to review the recent update of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan and consider establishing a Committee advisory panel.

*3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.*—The Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet to review and update progress on Amendment 10, and initiate discussion regarding changes to 2007 specification.

*7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*—A previously noticed (March 28) scoping meeting for Amendment 15 to the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP) will be held.

*Wednesday, May 3, 2006*

*8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*—The Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, Tilefish Committee will meet to review the status of stock update for tilefish, review the current tilefish management practice, review the Monitoring Committee's recommendation for 2006/07 fishing year and beyond regarding tilefish

harvest level, develop and recommend tilefish harvest levels for 2006/07 and beyond for Council consideration and action.

*10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*—The Ad Hoc Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Reauthorization Committee will meet from to review House versions of MSA Reauthorization Bills and develop comments for Congressional feedback.

*11:30 a.m. to 12 noon*—The Ecosystems Committee will meet to develop strategies to reduce bycatch mortality through the adoption and use of circle hooks in selected recreational fisheries.

*1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.*—The Council will convene to conduct its regular business session to approve March 2006 Council meeting minutes, approve actions from the March meeting, and receive various reports.

*3:30 to 4:30 p.m.*—The Council will review Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, Tilefish Committee's recommendations regarding tilefish harvest levels for the 2006/07 fishing year and beyond, and adopt tilefish harvest levels for the 2006/07 fishing year and beyond.

*Thursday, May 4, 2006*

*8 a.m. to 9 a.m.*—The Executive Committee will meet to review actions taken at the April Northeast Regional Coordinating Council meeting.

*9 a.m.*—The Council will convene to receive a presentation by the U.S. Coast Guard on Rescue 21, receive Committee reports, and address any continuing or new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council and its Committees for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council or Committee action during this meeting. Council and Committee 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**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 7, 2006.

**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. 040706H]

**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 (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel and General Category Scallop Advisory Panel in May, 2006 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** These meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Hampton Inn, 2100 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-8888; fax: (401) 739-1550.

*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 panel's schedule and agenda for the following meetings are as follows:

*Tuesday, May 2, 2006; General Category Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting.*

*Wednesday, May 3, 2006; Joint General Category Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting.*

The advisory panels will make recommendations for measures to be considered in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) being developed for Amendment 11 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The recommendations will be forwarded to the Scallop Oversight Committee for consideration, and ultimately the full

Council is scheduled to approve final alternatives at the June 2006 Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 7, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040706D]

#### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT meeting will be held Monday, May 1, 2006, from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene Tuesday, May 2 through Friday, May 5, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The GMT meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**Council address:** Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GMT working meeting is to develop a preliminary draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for harvest specifications and management measures for 2007/08 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Amendment 16-4 revisions to groundfish rebuilding plans. The GMT may also address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. The GMT's role will be development of the preliminary DEIS and recommendations for consideration by the Council at its June meeting in Foster City, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 305a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMT'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 7, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040706J]

#### Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Precious Corals Plan Team (PCPT) meeting, in Honolulu, HI.

**ADDRESSES:** The PCPT meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**DATES:** The meeting of the PCPT will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PCPT will meet on April 20, 2006, to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Introductions
2. Review of last plan team meeting and recommendations.
3. Report on current gold coral research.
4. Update on black coral management.
5. Preliminary report on black coral workshop.

The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The Plan Team will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Plan Team for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Plan Team action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires 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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 10, 2006.

**James P. Burgess,**

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