

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, January 13, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508)339-2200.

Regulations implementing Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) were implemented on May 1, 2004. This amendment calls for an updated assessment of multispecies stocks in 2005 to evaluate stock status and the effectiveness of the regulations. Subsequent to that assessment, the Council will be considering changes to the management measures, if necessary, in order to meet the objectives of Amendment 13. In addition to changes that may be needed to respond to the updated assessments, the Council may consider changes to other management measures. These could include, but are not limited to, an extension of the days-at-sea leasing program, modifications to the default measures, modifications to existing Special Access Programs (SAPs) or additional SAPs, changes to permitting conditions, reviews of bycatch information, etc. As a result of the extensive scope of this next management action, the committee will meet to develop recommendations on the broad issues to be addressed in the next adjustment, identify the information that will be needed to support decisions on those issues, develop a timeline for the Committee's work, and may begin to identify specific measures that will be included. The committee's recommendations will be presented to the full Council for consideration at a later date.

Wednesday, January 26, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Four Points By Sheraton, 407 Squire Road, Revere, MA 02151; telephone: (781) 284-7200.

The committee will review the analysis of general category Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) alternatives in Framework Adjustment 17 and recommend a final alternative to the Council. The committee will also discuss scallop research priorities and the total allowable catch/days-at-sea (TAC/DAS) set-aside research application review process following a presentation by the NMFS Regional Office staff. Other business may be discussed, as needed. Finally, the agenda includes a closed-door session at the end of the meeting to develop Advisory Panel appointment recommendations.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in these agendas 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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

[I.D. 121704C]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee in January, 2005 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 January 14, 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Mansfield, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492. 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: *Friday, January 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. – Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee Meeting.*

Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (978) 339-2200.

The Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee will meet to continue development of fishery management measures to reduce potential bycatch of the very large 2003-year class of haddock. They will also review available bycatch information and refine practicable management measures identified at the last meeting to address anticipated haddock bycatch issues in the herring, groundfish and whiting fisheries.

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.

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

[I.D. 121504G]

Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Coral Reef

Ecosystem Plan Team (CREPT) in Honolulu, HI.

DATES: The CREPT meeting will be held on January 18 and 19, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the CREPT will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council conference room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CREPT will meet on January 18 and 19, 2005 to discuss the following agenda items.

January 18, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of draft agenda and assignment of rapporteurs
3. Review of the last plan team meeting and actions from the 123rd and 124th Council meetings
4. Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Fisheries Management
5. Development of Western Pacific Fishery Ecosystem Plans

January 19, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6. Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan, Management Unit Species Designations
7. Development of Annual Report for Coral Reef Ecosystem Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region

The order in which agenda items 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.

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Dated: December 17, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121704B]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Commercial, Recreational, Subsistence/Indigenous, and Ecosystem and Habitat Advisory Panel members throughout the western Pacific in January and February 2005.

DATES: The Advisory Panel members from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) will meet at the Pedro T. Tenorio Multipurpose Center on January 11-12, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The Advisors from Guam will meet at the Guam Hyatt Regency Hotel on January 13-14, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Advisors from Hawaii will meet at the Council office conference room on January 26-27, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Advisors from American Samoa will meet at the American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources on February 2-3, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: CNMI Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Office of the Governor, Susupe, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950; telephone: 670-664-1014. Guam Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1155 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, Guam 96913-4206, Telephone 671-647-1234. Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: 808-522-8220. American Samoa Department of Marine & Wildlife Resources, P.O. Box 3730, Pago Pago, AS 96799, Telephone: 684-633-5102.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Panel members from their

respective areas will be provided an orientation on the Council process, legislative mandates, advisory group roles and responsibilities and discuss fishery issues of concern in their area.

The agenda for the Advisory Panel meetings will include the items listed below:

Day 1

- (1) Introduction of attendees
- (2) Overview of Council and advisory bodies
- (3) Responsibilities of Council staff and island coordinators
- (4) Legislative mandates and directives, including Magnuson Stevens Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act
- (5) Overview of Council process and program
- (6) Schedule of up coming events (Calendar of events on island meetings, Council Honolulu meeting, etc.)
- (7) Review of June 2004 Advisory Panel Recommendations and Status
- (8) Discussion and wrap-up

Day 2

- (9) Major fishery program initiatives
 - a. Fishery Ecosystem Plans
 - b. NWHI management
 - c. Protected Species mitigation, conservation and management
 - d. Fishery Data Collection
 - e. Indigenous Program
 - f. Status of American Samoa Longline fishery management
 - g. CNMI Bottomfish Management Amendment
 - h. International fishery management
- (10) Report on new fishery issues and activities
 - (11) Advisor Discussion and Recommendations
 - (12) Other business

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The AP will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the AP for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Advisory Panel 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.

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