

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Joint Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Industry Advisors will hold a public meeting.

DATES: Wednesday, December 4, 2002, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel Philadelphia Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA, telephone 610-521-5900.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904. ASMFC, 1444 Eye Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, MAFMC, telephone 302-674-2331, ext. 19. Vince O'Shea, Executive Director, ASMFC, telephone 202-289-6400, ext. 304.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2003 recreational management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council 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 Council action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issue 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 this 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 Joanna Davis at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

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. 111202E]

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 Groundfish Oversight in December, 2002. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Monday, December 2, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

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; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to review the Draft Amendment 13 and accompanying Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) prior to its submission to NMFS. This document is being prepared for submission in December based on a court order in the case of Conservation Law Foundation et al. v. Secretary of Commerce. NMFS has petitioned the court to allow a delay in submitting the document, and the Council has sent a letter for the court asking for at least a one year delay. If a delay is granted by the court, further work will be completed before the Amendment is submitted.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: November 13, 2002.

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. 111202D]

North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings December 2-9, 2002, in Anchorage, Alaska.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 2, 2002 through December 9, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 2, and continue through Friday, December 6, 2002. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 2, and continue through Wednesday, December 4, 2002. Other Committees to be held during the week: Joint Protocol/Council/Board of Fish, 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3 in the King Salmon Room. Ecosystem Panel (Council, SSC, AP) 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3 in the Aspen/Spruce Room.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, continuing through Tuesday December 9. All meetings are

open to the public except executive sessions.

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Report:
 - (a) Executive Director's Report
 - (b) NMFS Management Report
 - (c) Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Management Report
 - (d) Coast Guard Report
 - (e) United States Fish & Wildlife Service Report
 - (f) National Academy of Science Steller Sea Lion report
 - (g) Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) National Committee report (if available)
2. Crab Rationalization: Receive Committee reports and determine preferred alternatives for completed trailing amendments. Discuss Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) progress and alternatives. Provide direction/alternatives on Pribilof blue king crab rebuilding plan.

3. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Rationalization; Receive report from GOA Work Group, discuss alternatives for formal analysis, and provide direction to staff and work group.

4. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Receive Committee report and clarify mitigation alternatives for analysis.

5. American Fisheries Act Issues: Final action on Pacific cod sideboard issues (T). Review initial co-op reports and agreements (full reports in February).

6. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Receive Committee report and clarify mitigation alternatives for analysis.

7. Groundfish Issues: Final report from F40 review. Review NMFS discussion paper on Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) rockfish management. Review alternative for total allowable catch (TAC)-setting process amendment package. Review and approve BSAI and GOA Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report and recommend final catch specifications and bycatch apportionments for 2003. Review discussion paper on Amendment 64 (BSI fixed gear Pacific cod allocations) and finalize alternatives for analysis.

8. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and committees and provide direction to staff.

9. Other Business: Approve AP and SSC appointments for 2003

Scientific and Statistical Committee: The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (a) C-3 EFH

- (b) Review Halibut log book data
- (c) C-1 Rationalization (T)
- (d) D-1(a) F40 Final Report
- (e) D-1(b,c) BSAI Rockfish and TAC setting

(f) D-1(d,e) BSAI/GOA SAFE

(g) American Fisheries Act

Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, with the exception of the Reports under Item #1 of the Council agenda.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Snapper Grouper Committee, Finance Committee, Highly Migratory Species Committee, Advisory Panel Selection Committee (closed session), Habitat Committee and Dolphin Wahoo Committee. A joint

meeting will also be held between the Snapper Grouper Committee and the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel. A public hearing will be held on the red porgy stock assessment and review. Additional public comment periods will be held to address lobster issues and the final Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. There will also be a full Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held in December 2002. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Grand New Bern, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560; telephone: (1-800) 326-3745 or (252) 638-8112.

Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: 843-571-4366 or toll free at 866/SAFMC-10; fax: 843-769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. *Joint Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting: December 2, 2002, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and continued on December 3, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.*

The Snapper Grouper Committee will meet jointly with the Advisory Panel (AP) to receive updates on red porgy management including a presentation on the SAW/SARC (Stock Assessment Workshop/Stock Assessment Review Committee) findings and the status of the North Carolina observer work on red porgy bycatch. The Committee and AP will also receive updates on the snapper/grouper electronic logbook study and the economic data collection program using logbooks. Following the presentations, the Committee and AP will receive an overview of draft Amendment 13 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and will provide input for the document.

2. *Public Hearing for Red Porgy followed immediately by a public scoping meeting on issues affecting the spiny lobster fishery: December 2, 2002, 6 p.m.*

3. *Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting: December 3, 2002, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and continued December 4, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.*

The Snapper Grouper Committee will meet to receive an update on the SEDAR (Southeastern Data, Assessment and