

**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 (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Committee, on January 15, 2009, 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:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 433-5649.

*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 Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Committee will discuss EFH requirements and potential incorporation of Wolffish into the Northeastern Multispecies management unit; review Vulnerability Assessment literature database; review preliminary Geological and Biological habitat component matrices and review preliminary SASI and spatial model results. The Committee may also consider other topics at their discretion.

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.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is 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: December 23, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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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) Crab Committee will meet January 14, 2009.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 14, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Birch/Willow Room, Anchorage, AK.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will discuss the Crab Rationalization program. Discussions will focus on crew issues including: (1) a potential regional fishery association to hold and distribute C share quota and (2) a private arrangement among owners that would fund Quota Share purchases by active crew.

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Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Teleconference Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a teleconference call meeting of the Council's archipelagic Plan Teams (PTs).

**DATES:** The meeting of the PTs will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time) (12 noon to 3 p.m. in American Samoa) on Thursday, January 15, 2009 (9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, January 16, 2009 in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). For specific times, and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The teleconference meeting of the PTs will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council conference room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI. For participants residing in American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawaii and the continental United States, the PTs telephone conference call-in-number is: 1-888-482-3560; Access Code: 5228220. For Guam and international participants, the call-in-number is: 1-647-723-3959; Access Code: 5228220.

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