

site nomination document for the proposed Texas reserve and began working with UTMSI to develop a management plan and environmental impact statement for the proposed reserve.

The Texas NERR is proposed to be administered by the UTMSI in cooperation with partner landholders including the Texas General Land Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Coastal Bend Land Trust, Fennessey Ranch, and The Nature Conservancy. UTMSI has developed an outline of a preliminary draft management plan. The outline specifies specific needs and priorities related to research, education and stewardship. At the public meetings, UTMSI and NOAA will provide a synopsis of the process for developing a DEIS/DMP and will solicit comments on significant environmental issues that will be incorporated into a DEIS.

Interested parties who wish to submit suggestions or comments regarding the scope or content of the proposed DEIS/DMP are invited to attend any of the above meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Montagna, University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute at (361) 749-6779 or paul@utmsi.utexas.edu, or Laurie McGilvray, Chief, Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3155 ext 158 or Laurie.McGilvray@noaa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102604D]

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) will

hold a three-day Council meeting on November 16-18, 2004, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 beginning at 9:45 a.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday, November 17 and 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 436-2121.

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:

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Executive Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. to discuss the identification of terms of reference for the Council's new ad hoc Bycatch Committee. The Council will convene at 9:45 a.m. and following introductions, the Council's Scallop Committee will seek approval of initial action on Framework Adjustment 17 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP); a range of alternatives will be selected which would require some or all vessels with general category scallop permits to operate vessel monitoring system equipment. The Council will then receive an update on the Northeast Region Bycatch Plan by NMFS staff. The afternoon period will include a report on the "Strategy of Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico Fisheries" by NMFS staff. Following the report, the Council will consider and approve management actions for 2005, including a discussion of eliminating the process of joint fishery management plan development (for dogfish and monkfish). This discussion will be followed by a report by the Research Steering Committee seeking the Council's consideration and approval of committee recommendations for 2005 Council research priorities. The last item on the agenda will be a brief public comment period during which any member of the public may bring forward items relevant to Council business but not otherwise listed on the agenda for this meeting.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

During the Wednesday morning session 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. Following reports will be a presentation on Harvesting Cooperatives and Cooperative Management by Dr. Ralph Townsend. The Groundfish Committee will then ask for final approval on Framework Adjustment 40B to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. This will occur following the review and discussion of Groundfish Advisory Panel and Oversight Committee recommendations and selection of final measures. The Committee will then initiate a framework adjustment to reduce the expected haddock bycatch in all fisheries from the very large haddock 2003-year class.

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Herring Committee will review measures under consideration in Amendment 1 to the FMP and approve management alternatives for further analysis in the accompanying Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; management alternatives may include measures to establish a limited access program for some or all of the herring fishery, effort control measures, changes to the start of the herring fishing year and measures to establish a purse seine/fixed gear-only area in some or all of the inshore Gulf of Maine. Following this report will be the consideration and approval of New England Council recommendations for spiny dogfish fishery specifications for the 2005-06 fishing year. The Council meeting will adjourn after any other outstanding business is addressed.

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 under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 27, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102604A]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Herring Advisory Panel and Oversight Committee in November, 2004. Recommendations from the committees will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, November 15, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the Advisory Panel and then from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. for the Oversight Committee.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311.

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; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Monday, November 15, 2004, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.* – Herring Advisory Panel Meeting.

The panel will review advisory panel policies and elect the panel chairman for 2004-07. They will review a range of alternatives proposed for Amendment 1 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and provide Herring Advisory Panel comments/recommendations. Also on the agenda is the review of information and analyses in Framework Adjustment 40B to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP, review Groundfish Committee recommendations regarding Framework 40B measures that may impact herring fishing, and develop related Herring

Advisory Panel comments and recommendations.

Monday, November 15, 2004, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Herring Oversight Committee Meeting.

The committee will review Herring Advisory Panel recommendations from the morning meeting. They will also review a range of alternatives proposed for Amendment 1 to the Herring FMP and develop related Herring Committee recommendations and motions for Council consideration. Also on the agenda will be a review of information and analyses in Framework Adjustment 40B to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP, review Groundfish Committee recommendations regarding Framework 40B measures that may impact herring fishing, review Herring Advisory Panel recommendations, develop related Herring Committee recommendations for Council consideration.

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 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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Non-Target Species Committee will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 15, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (PST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way North East, Building 4, Room 2143, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review proposed revisions to National Standard Guidelines and definitions of a "fishery," Council guidance on Committee mission (non-target vs both target and non-target), Council problem statement for framework and ad hoc group suite of alternatives, draft committee problem statements for rockfish and suite of alternatives and a discussion paper of a alternative management strategies for rockfish. The Committee will develop recommendations to the Council on how to best manage non-target species.

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 identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require 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

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Alan D. Risenhoover,

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