

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committees will receive a report on the status and health of shrimp stocks in the Gulf, as well as a report from the Ad Hoc Shrimp Effort Working Group on the status of existing effort in the shrimp fishery and possible relationships to optimal effort. The Committee will also consider final action on a regulatory amendment to potentially change the bycatch reduction criterion for Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) used in shrimp trawls west of Cape San Blas, Florida. Finally, the Committee will consider approving Joint Amendment 27 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP)/Amendment 14 to the Shrimp FMP for public hearings.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. - The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will review and possibly approve the Ecosystem SSC's recommended budget for workshops and consider recommending an extension to the ecosystem budget into 2007.

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will meet to consider a proposed pool of non-government organizations (NGO's) that would be used to select representatives to future SEDAR workshops. The Committee will also review the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures' (SOPPs) provisions on the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - The Migratory Species Management Committee will receive a report from NMFS Headquarter on the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - The Mackerel Management Committee will review recommendations from the SSC regarding a report from a special scientific committee made up of scientists appointed by the Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC). This report includes recommendations regarding the stock assessment for king mackerel in the Gulf and Atlantic regions. The Committee will also consider the recommendations of the SAFMC regarding this report and other king mackerel issues.

The committee reports will be presented to the Council for consideration later on Wednesday and on Thursday, August 17, 2006.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees 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 action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

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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 Advisory Panel in August, 2006, 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 Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft

Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500; fax: (978) 750-7959.

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 will brief and review the Draft Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation Management Alternatives for inclusion in the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2. The panel will also review continued work on the Advisory Panel gear description document/workshop. In addition, the panel will review development of recommendations to the Committee on Habitat Area of Particular Concern alternatives. Other topics may be covered at the committee and Advisory Panel's 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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the