

and review Reef Fish 31/Shrimp 15 options.

1:30–4 p.m.—The Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committee continues.

4–5 p.m.—The Shrimp Management Committee will meet to receive a report of the Texas shrimp closure analyses and the Shrimp AP recommendations.

5–5:30 p.m. (CLOSED COUNCIL SESSION) The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection Committee, which met prior to the meeting, will give their recommendations for Select SSC Subcommittee members to monitor NMFS' Design and Analysis Group.

Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 8:30–10:30 a.m. —The Data Collection Committee will meet to discuss the Committee's charge under the Council's Standard Operating Practices and Procedures's (SOPPS); consider action to require a recreational saltwater fishing license/permit in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ); discuss reporting requirements for the recreational-for-hire sector; review the existing Gulf charter and head boat surveys; and discuss the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act recreational data provision for a vessel registry along with state licensing and reporting requirements.

10:30–11:30 a.m.—The Mackerel Management Committee will meet to review an update on status criteria and acceptable biological catch (ABC) projections for king mackerel and to approve Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for public hearings.

1–3 p.m.—The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Committees will meet to discuss an Options Paper for an Aquaculture Amendment by possibly selecting preferred alternatives and scheduling public hearing locations.

3–3:45 p.m.—The Budget/Personnel Committee will meet to review the draft CY 2007 operating budget and consider increases in state liaison funding.

3:45–5:30 p.m.—The Migratory Species Management Committee will meet to discuss a proposed rule by NMFS to relax swordfish regulations and highly migratory species essential fish habitat.

The committee reports will be presented to the Council for consideration on Thursday January 25, and on Friday, January 26, 2007.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the M-SFCMA, 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 M-SFCMA, 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.

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.

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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; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Recreational Advisory Panel (Panel) in January, 2007 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 Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777–2500; fax: (978) 750–7991.

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 Council has begun development of Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This amendment will adjust measures as necessary to continue the stock rebuilding programs adopted by Amendment 13 to the FMP on May 1, 2004. The amendment may also consider other adjustments to management measures or alternatives to the effort control system currently used to manage the multispecies fishery. On November 6, 2006, the Council published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to support this amendment (71 FR 64941) and announced a scoping period that ended on December 29, 2006. The Panel will meet to develop recommendations for management of the recreational fishery and the Panel may consider allocations to the recreational fishery, management measures or other issues. Recommendations of the Panel will be considered by the Council at future meetings.

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.*

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