

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 103000E]****New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a joint public meeting of its Skate Oversight Committee and Skate Advisory Panel in November, 2000. Recommendations from these committees will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The Skate Advisory Panel meeting will held on Thursday, November 30, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. and the Skate Oversight Committee will join them at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, 936 West Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842; telephone: (401) 846-7600

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is the first meeting for the newly-established Skate Advisory Panel. Advisors will meet to review advisory panel policies and elect a chairman. The Skate Committee will join them for a workshop on skate species identification. There will be a presentation of the final Skate Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report and development and approval of a scoping document for Skate Fishery Management Plan. The committee will review a timeline for scoping.

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

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 dates.

Dated: November 2, 2000.

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. 103000F]****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 Advisory Panel Selection Committee (closed), Marine Reserves Committee, Dolphin Wahoo Committee and the South Atlantic Board. Joint meetings of the Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel, the Law Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel, and the Red Drum Committee and the South Atlantic Board will also be held. Public comment periods will be held on the proposed Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and any framework changes to the Snapper Grouper FMP. There will also be a Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from November 27-December 1, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel, 2717 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512; telephone: 1-800-624-8875 or (252) 240-1155, fax: (252) 240-1452.

Council address: 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; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Meeting Dates**

November 27, 2000, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.- Joint Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting;

The Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel will meet jointly to review snapper grouper species assessments and reports, review the Compliance Report, review framework items including the use of powerheads, quota overruns and other items as necessary. The Committee and Advisory Panel will also hear a report on the status of the red porgy assessment and projections peer review.

November 28, 2000, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.- Joint Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting (continued);

The Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to develop Committee recommendations for ranking marine reserves criteria and for the National Artificial Reef Plan.

November 28, 2000, 10 a.m. to 12 noon- Marine Reserves Committee Meeting;

The Marine Reserves Committee will meet to develop recommendations on the Gray's Reef Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), discuss development of a strategy to incorporate Gray's Reef in the Council's marine reserve process, review and develop comments and recommendations on the NMFS draft White Paper, develop recommendations for ranking marine reserves criteria and review the status of a closed area lawsuit in the Gulf of Mexico.

November 28, 2000, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.- Dolphin Wahoo Committee Meeting;

The Dolphin Wahoo Committee will meet to review the actions of the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico Councils regarding the Dolphin Wahoo FMP and revisions to the FMP specific to the other Council's actions.

November 28, 2000, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.- Joint Red Drum Committee and South Atlantic Board Meeting;

The Red Drum Committee will meet jointly with the South Atlantic Board to receive a briefing on the process for transferring red drum management to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and provide directions to staff.

November 29, 2000, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.- South Atlantic Board Meeting;

The South Atlantic Board will meet to discuss the coordination of fish contaminant sampling and hear presentations on the 2001-05 management plan, trawl survey results and the data management web page and data access items.

November 29, 2000, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon- Advisory Panel Selection Committee Meeting (closed session);

The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will meet to review