

B. Participants

The HMS AP consists of not less than twenty-two (22) members who are knowledgeable about the pelagic fisheries for all Atlantic HMS species. The Billfish AP consists of not less than eight (8) members who are knowledgeable about the pelagic fisheries for all billfish species. Nominations for each AP will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community.

NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each area of interest must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of each AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following: (a) Experience in the recreational fishing industry involved in catching swordfish, tunas, billfish, or sharks; (b) experience in the commercial fishing industry for HMS; (c) experience in fishery-related industries (marinas, bait and tackle shops); (d) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; (e) representation of a private, non-governmental, regional, (non-Federal) state, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries, environmental, governmental or academic interests dealing with HMS.

Five (5) additional members of the AP include one voting representative each of the New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The AP also includes twenty-two (22) ex-officio participants: twenty (20) representatives of the constituent states and two (2) representatives of the constituent interstate commissions; the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the AP. However, NMFS will not compensate participants with monetary support of any kind. Depending on availability of funds members maybe reimbursed for for travel costs related to the AP meetings.

C. Tentative Schedule

Meetings of each AP will be held as frequently as necessary but are routinely held once each year in the Spring. Often the meetings are held jointly, and may be held in conjunction with other advisory panel meetings or public hearings. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 2002, in Silver Spring, MD. This meeting is being held in addition to the routinely held Spring meeting.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 15, 2002.

Virginia M. Fay,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081502B]

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 Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel and its Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Committee in September, 2002 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 4 and 5, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the New England Fishery Management Council Office, 50 Water Street, Mill 12, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 9 a.m.—Joint Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting.

The committee will review federal vessel permit issues associated with the Atlantic herring fishery and requiring fishermen to have a valid VMS number prior to issuance of the permit. This would be consistent with previous federal fisheries that require VMS. They will also discuss prohibiting fishermen with federal vessel permits from selling fish to unlicensed dealers. Current regulations prohibit dealers without permit from buying fish from federally permitted vessels.

Also included in the agenda will be review of the enforceability of the following: alternatives for Multispecies Amendment 13; draft enforcement analysis for scallops; general category landings restriction, particularly those in the state-waters only exemption for scallops; review of species ID guide for skates and its utility for enforcement as well as proposed prohibitions on possession, landing, sale and recommendations for tolerances on prohibitions and/or possession limits to account for mis-identification of skates. The committee will also discuss whether to increase advisory panel membership.

Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.—Vessel Monitoring System Committee Meeting.

Location: New England Fishery Management Council Office, 50 Water Street, Mill 12, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

The committee will discuss the concept of using automated vessel monitoring systems in New England fisheries. The agenda will include discussion of current VMS performance, alternative tracking devices now available, future expansion of VMS programs and VMS use for other management measures. The committee also may discuss other business.

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

These meetings are 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: August 15, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081502F]

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 public meeting of its Scallop Oversight Committee in September, 2002. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Monday, September 9, 2002, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Providence Biltmore, 11 Dorrance Street, Kennedy Plaza, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 421-0700.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet to develop recommendations for approval of final alternatives in the annual adjustment to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (Framework Adjustment 15 to the FMP); options under consideration for the 2003 fishing year include but are not limited to: an adjustment to the annual day-at-sea allocations for vessels with limited access permits, continuing the controlled access program for one or both of the Hudson Canyon and VA/NC Areas, and a day-at-sea tradeoff exemption procedure. The committee will also review the Habitat Committee's recommendations for alternatives in Amendment 10 and may develop advice for the September 10-12, 2002 Council meeting. Other business may be taken up as needed.

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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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Richard W. Surdi,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081502E]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) Groundfish Plan Team meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) GOA and BS/AI Groundfish Plan Team will meet in Alaska.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 9-10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Groundfish Plan Teams will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg. 4, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council Staff: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, the 9th of September at 1 p.m., the Groundfish Plan Teams will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center. Items to be discussed include, Status of DPSEIS, SSL Protection Measures, Ecosystem Chapter, Other Species update, ESA listings. BS/AI will review preliminary drafts of Arrowtooth, Eastern Bering Sea Pollock and Atka

mackerel. GOA will review a preliminary draft of pollock hydroacoustic survey results, assessment update.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 15, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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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 committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of Alaska Working Group will meet in Kodiak, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 19-21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive, in the Harbor Room, Kodiak, AK 99615.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Thursday, September 19th, the committee will meet starting at 1 p.m.