

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dogfish Committee will: (1) Review stock status update; (2) consider the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee's recommendations for management measures for the 2009 fishing year; and (3) develop, for Council consideration and action, a Joint Committee position on management measures for the 2009 fishing year and possibly thereafter.

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Special Accommodations

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

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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 Scientific and Statistical Committee, on November 17-18, 2008, 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: This meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 10 a.m.

and Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will elect a committee vice chairman, finalize recommendations for Amendment 3 to the Skate Fishery Management Plan, develop comments on the NMFS Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning National Standard 2, approve five-year research priorities and further develop its operating procedures based on the proceedings of the recent national SSC Workshop and further committee discussion.

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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 public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a three-day Council meeting on November 18-20, 2008, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 beginning at 9 a.m., and Wednesday, November 19, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and Thursday, November 20, 2008 beginning at 8 a.m.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Following introductions and any announcements, the Council will receive a series of brief reports from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel, NOAA Enforcement and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Following these reports, there will be a review of proposals contained in Draft Amendment 1 to the Consolidated Highly Migratory Fishery Management Plan addressing Essential Fish Habitat. Prior to a lunch break the Council will hold an open comment period during which any interested party may address the Council about fishery management related issues that are otherwise not listed on the agenda. Following the break, the Council's Research Steering Committee will report on its review of the NEFMC's five-year research