

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Groundfish/Habitat Committees on September 5, 2013 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 Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 433-5649.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council's Habitat and Groundfish Oversight Committees will meet jointly to discuss alternatives under development in Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2. Specifically, the Committees will discuss information collected during a series of interviews between staff and industry members, including a technical review conducted by the Council's Habitat Plan Development and Closed Area Technical Teams. Based on the industry information and the associated technical guidance, the Committee may recommend that the Council adjust some of the management alternatives prior to completion of the draft environmental impact statement. In addition, the Committees will discuss and approve a framework adjustment and data collection process related to groundfish management areas. The Committees will also review the amendment timeline and discuss 2014 management priorities. The Groundfish Committee may also address issues under development for Framework 51 to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) fishery management plan. A closed session will be used to review advisory panel appointments.

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 Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 16, 2013.

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*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XC819**

**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 Whiting Advisory Panel on September 9, 2013 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, September 9, 2013 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, One Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 734-9600; fax: (401) 734-9700.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The advisors will develop recommendations for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder accountability measures to be considered as alternatives in Multispecies Framework Adjustment 51. Since combined discards are

estimated for small mesh gears, rather than fisheries, industry advisors for the squid fishery may have interest in this meeting. These recommendations will be presented to the Groundfish Oversight Committee on September 17, 2013 in Portsmouth, NH. Framework Adjustment 51 will be approved by the Council at the November 2013 Council meeting and implemented on or before May 1, 2014. Other small mesh fishery issues may also be discussed as time permits, such as adjustments to management measures in a 2015-17 specifications package to be prepared in 2014.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Endangered Species; File No. 16733**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC; Responsible Party: Bonnie Ponwith), 75 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami, FL 33149 has been issued a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*),