

emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the untimely completion of discussion relevant to other 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.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 29, 2004.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for Hydrographic Services Review Panel.

SUMMARY: This notice responds to the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002, Public Law 107-372, which requires the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to solicit nominations for membership on the Hydrographic Services Review Panel. This advisory committee will advise the Under Secretary on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, (the Act) and such other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

DATES: Resumes should be sent to the address, e-mail, or fax specified and must be received by February 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910, FAX: 301-713-4019, e-mail: Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Roger Parsons, Director, Office

of Coast Survey, NOS/NOAA, 301-713-2770 x 134, fax 301-713-4019, e-mail: Roger.L.Parsons@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 33 U.S.C. 883a, *et seq.*, NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) is responsible for providing nautical charts and related information for safe navigation. NOS collects and compiles hydrographic, tidal and current, geodetic, and a variety of other data in order to fulfill this responsibility. The Hydrographic Services Review Panel provides advice on topics such as NOAA's Hydrographic Survey Priorities, technologies relating to operations, research and development, and dissemination of data pertaining to:

- (a) Hydrographic surveying and data;
- (b) Nautical charting;
- (c) Water level measurements;
- (d) Current measurements;
- (e) Geodetic measurements; and
- (f) Geospatial measurements.

The Panel comprises fifteen voting members appointed by the Under Secretary in accordance with Section 105 of the Act. Members are selected on a standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. The Directors of the Joint Hydrographic Center and no more than two employees of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration serve as nonvoting members of the panel. This solicitation is to obtain candidates to replace five of the original voting members whose original two-year appointments expire in late 2005 or early 2006.

The voting members of the Panel are individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more disciplines relating to hydrographic surveying, tides, current, geodetic and geo-spatial measurements, marine transportation, port administration, vessel pilotage, and coastal and fishery management. An individual may not be appointed as a voting member of the Panel if the individual is a full-time officer or employee of the United States. Any voting member of the Panel who is an applicant for, or beneficiary of, (as determined by the Under Secretary) any assistance under the Act shall disclose to the Panel that relationship, and may not vote on any matter pertaining to that assistance.

Voting members of the Panel serve for a term of four years. Members serve at the discretion of the Under Secretary and are subject to government ethics standards. Any individual appointed to a partial or full term may be reappointed for one additional full term. A voting member may serve until his or her

successor has taken office. The Panel selected one voting member to serve as the Chair and another to serve as the Vice Chair. The Vice Chair acts as Chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair.

At a minimum, meetings occur biannually, and at the call of the Chair or upon the request of a majority of the voting members or of the Under Secretary. Voting members receive compensation at a rate established by the Under Secretary, not to exceed the maximum daily rate payable under section 5376 of title 5, United States Code, when actually engaged in the performance of duties for such Panel and shall be reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of such duties.

Dated: December 13, 2004.

Captain Roger L. Parsons, NOAA,

Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121504F]

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 Groundfish and Scallop Oversight Committees in January, 2005. Recommendations from these committees will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will held on Thursday, January 13, 2005 and Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Mansfield and Revere, MA.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, January 13, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508)339–2200.

Regulations implementing Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) were implemented on May 1, 2004. This amendment calls for an updated assessment of multispecies stocks in 2005 to evaluate stock status and the effectiveness of the regulations. Subsequent to that assessment, the Council will be considering changes to the management measures, if necessary, in order to meet the objectives of Amendment 13. In addition to changes that may be needed to respond to the updated assessments, the Council may consider changes to other management measures. These could include, but are not limited to, an extension of the days-at-sea leasing program, modifications to the default measures, modifications to existing Special Access Programs (SAPs) or additional SAPs, changes to permitting conditions, reviews of bycatch information, etc. As a result of the extensive scope of this next management action, the committee will meet to develop recommendations on the broad issues to be addressed in the next adjustment, identify the information that will be needed to support decisions on those issues, develop a timeline for the Committee's work, and may begin to identify specific measures that will be included. The committee's recommendations will be presented to the full Council for consideration at a later date.

Wednesday, January 26, 2005, 9:30 a.m. – Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Four Points By Sheraton, 407 Squire Road, Revere, MA 02151; telephone: (781) 284–7200.

The committee will review the analysis of general category Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) alternatives in Framework Adjustment 17 and recommend a final alternative to the Council. The committee will also discuss scallop research priorities and the total allowable catch/days-at-sea (TAC/DAS) set-aside research application review process following a presentation by the NMFS Regional Office staff. Other business may be discussed, as needed. Finally, the agenda includes a closed-door session at the end of the meeting to develop Advisory Panel appointment recommendations.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in these agendas may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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: December 17, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 121704C]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee in January, 2005 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 January 14, 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Mansfield, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465–0492. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to

the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Friday, January 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. – Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee Meeting.*

Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (978) 339–2200.

The Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee will meet to continue development of fishery management measures to reduce potential bycatch of the very large 2003–year class of haddock. They will also review available bycatch information and refine practicable management measures identified at the last meeting to address anticipated haddock bycatch issues in the herring, groundfish and whiting fisheries.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Coral Reef