

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

RIN 0648-XE228

**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 Research Steering Committee (RSC) 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 October 22, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 700 Myles Standish Boulevard, Taunton, MA 02780; telephone: (508) 823-0490; fax: (508) 880-6483.

*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:****Agenda**

The Research Steering Committee will meet to review several cooperative research projects, which include Scallop RSA projects that address gray meats in the scallop fishery. The RSC may also review other cooperative research projects, which may include a 2012 Monkfish RSA project. In addition, the Research Steering Committee may discuss the outcome of the Cooperative Research & Cooperative Management Review White Paper. The Research Steering Committee may also discuss other topics at the meeting as it pertains to cooperative research. Other business may be discussed.

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: September 30, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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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 telephonic meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Charter Implementation Committee will meet by teleconference October 21, 2015.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday October 21, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held telephonically at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252. Teleconference line is (907) 271-2896.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steve MacLean, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

*Wednesday, October 21, 2015*

The agenda is to identify a range of potential management measures for the Area 2C and Area 3A charter halibut fisheries in 2016, using the management measures in place for 2015 as a baseline. For Area 2C, the baseline management measure is a daily limit of one fish less

than or equal to 42 inches or greater than or equal to 80 inches in length. For Area 3A, the baseline management measure is a daily limit of two fish, one fish of any size, and a second fish which must be 29 inches or less in length. Committee recommendations will be incorporated into an analysis for Council review in December 2015. The Council will recommend preferred management measures for consideration by the International Pacific Halibut Commission at its January 2016 meeting, for implementation in 2016.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 30, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

RIN 0648-XE218

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will hold a joint methodology review meeting with the Salmon Technical Team and Model Evaluation Workgroup.

**DATES:** The joint methodology review meeting will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, October 22, 2015, from 9 a.m. to noon, or until business is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in the Concourse Room of the Radisson Hotel Portland Airport, 6233 NE 78th Ct., Portland, OR 97218; telephone: (503) 251-2000.

*Council address:* Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2414.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the methodology review meeting is to discuss and review proposed changes to analytical methods used in salmon management. Methodology review topics were adopted by the Council at their September 9-16, 2015 meeting in Sacramento, CA and are posted on the Pacific Council's Web page ([www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). Recommendations from this methodology review meeting will be presented at the November 13-19, 2015 Council meeting in Garden Grove, CA where the Council is scheduled to take final action on the proposals.

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#### Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2425 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 30, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE229**

#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic 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 Council will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in N. Charleston, SC. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SSC will meet 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2015; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2015; and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (800) 503-5762 or (843) 744-4422; fax: (843) 744-4472.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items will be discussed and considered by the SSC during this meeting:

1. Review South Atlantic landings and Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
2. Consider units for fishing level recommendations
3. Review final Southeast headboat survey data evaluation
4. Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) projects update, including report on the Data Best Practices Workshop and September 2015 Steering Committee meeting
5. Council Citizen Science update
6. Review Snapper-Grouper Amendments 36, 37, and Regulatory Amendment 16
7. Review the Council's System Management Plan
8. Report on recreational catch estimation for rare species
9. SSC Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule revision progress report
10. Review the Council's Research Priorities Plan
11. Review NOAA Fisheries' Stock Prioritization Tool
12. Consider the Blueline Tilefish stock assessment and fishing levels
13. Review Hogfish projections and fishing level recommendations
14. Receive progress reports on ongoing fishery management plans and amendments

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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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings and noted on the agenda. The first will be at the beginning of the meeting, and the second near the conclusion, when the SSC reviews its recommendations.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XZ31**

#### Issuance of Permit Amendment: Marine Mammals; File No. 14603

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Charles Mayo, Ph.D., Senior Scientist and Director, Right Whale Program—Center for Coastal Studies, 115 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657 has been