

will meet as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Cost Recovery Amendment and the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Information Collection.

#### Wednesday, October 8, 2014

9 a.m.—The Council will convene.  
9 a.m. until 11 a.m.—The Forage Fish White Paper will be discussed.

11 a.m. until 12 noon—The River Herring and Shad Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole.

1 p.m. until 2 p.m.—The Council will discuss the Omnibus Observer Funding Amendment.

2 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.—The Vessel Baseline Amendment will be discussed.

2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.—Spiny Dogfish Specifications will be discussed.

4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.—Amendment 9 to the Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan will be discussed.

#### Thursday, October 9, 2014

9 a.m.—The Council will convene.

9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.—The Council will receive an update on Regional Ocean Planning.

9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.—The Council will hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are:

On Tuesday, October 7—The Executive Committee will review the 2014 Implementation Plan, review the 2014–18 Strategic Plan, and discuss and adopt 2015 priorities. The Council will approve the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Cost Recovery Amendment Public Hearing Document and discuss the National Marine Fisheries Service proposed rule to collect information from the individual transferable quota business holders in the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog fishery.

On Wednesday, October 8—The Council will review the MAFMC white paper on forage fish. The River Herring and Shad Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to discuss potential impacts of lower mid-water trawl observer coverage levels on the river herring and shad cap, review progress on the committee's terms of reference, and receive an update on voluntary river herring and shad avoidance programs. The Council will review progress on alternative development and analysis for the Omnibus Observer Funding

Amendment and provide direction to staff as appropriate. The Council will review public comments on the Vessel Baseline Draft Amendment and take final Council action to adopt the amendment for Secretarial review and implementation. After considering input from the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee, and the Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel, the Council may adopt modified 2015 Spiny Dogfish harvest levels and/or management measures if appropriate. The Council will review and comment on the proposed rule for Amendment 9 to the Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan and receive an update on other HMS issues.

On Thursday, October 9—The Council will receive an update on Regional Ocean Planning. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Council Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business. Webinar access is available during the Council meeting and access details will be available at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

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#### Special Accommodations

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting of the SEDAR Steering Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR process and assessment schedule. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet from 1 p.m. Monday, October 6, 2014, until 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The Steering Committee meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 4381 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (843) 744–4422.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carmichael, SEDAR Program Manager, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: [john.carmichael@safmc.net](mailto:john.carmichael@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion are as follows: *SEDAR Steering Committee Agenda, Monday, October 6, 2014, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. and Tuesday, October 7, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.*

1. Review progress of ongoing assessment projects.

2. Address the SEDAR assessment schedule: Review 2015 schedules, determine 2016 priorities and identify projects for 2017–18.

3. Receive a report on the SEFSC Assessment Program Review and consider how review findings may impact the SEDAR process.

4. Review the SEDAR process and consider modifications and improvements.

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**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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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, October 6–14, 2014.

**DATES:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday October 8, continuing through Tuesday October 14, 2014. The Scientific Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday October 6 and continue through Wednesday October 8, 2014. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday October 7, and continue through Saturday October 11, 2014. The Enforcement Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday October 7, 2014. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd, Anchorage, AK.

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

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Council Plenary Session:** The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Executive Director's Report (including Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA)/legislative update; discussion of joint meeting with International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC)) NMFS Management Report (including update Fishing Guide Definition and Habitat Division Update)
2. ADF&G Report
3. NOAA Enforcement Report
4. USCG Report
5. USFWS Report
6. Protected Species Report
7. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Report
8. Observer Annual Deployment Plan; Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) Report
9. Electronic Monitoring (EM) Development—EM Workgroup report; SSC Review of Study Designs (T)
10. Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report: Set Acceptable Biological Catch/Overfishing Levels (ABC/OFLs) for 7 stocks; Plan Team (PT) report
11. Proposed groundfish harvest specifications/PT Report
12. Initial review Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Skate Maximum Retainable Allowance (MRA) revisions
13. Discussion papers on MRA enforcement period/all fisheries
14. Discussion papers on GOA Trawl Bycatch Management; salmon genetics report/Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC) social survey update
15. Final action on Community Development Quota (CDQ) Pacific cod fishery development
16. Final action on Crab Right of First Refusal (ROFR) contract terms
17. Final action on ROFR Aleutian Processor Quota Share(PQS)
18. Initial review of Aleutian Island (AI) Pacific cod Allocation
19. Final report on Amendment 80 5-year review
20. Catch proposal/Discussion paper on Charter Halibut Common Pool
21. Ecosystem Committee report
22. Update/review on objectives for Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)
23. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) 5-year Review update: SSC only

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Observer Deployment Plan
2. EM Study Design
3. BSAI Crab SAFE
4. Groundfish Specifications
5. GOA Skate MRA
6. AI Pacific cod allocation
7. Bering Sea FEP
8. EFH 5-year review
9. Salmon genetics report; AFSC social survey update

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Councils primary peer review panel for scientific information as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org> Background documents, reports, and analyses for review are posted on the Council Web site in advance of the meeting. The names and organizational affiliations of SSC members are also posted on the Web site.

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