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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Materials Technical Advisory Committee

Notice of Open Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) will meet on October 9, 2002, 10:30 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to advanced materials and related technology.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks.
2. Presentation of papers and comments by the public.
3. Election of Chairman.
4. Briefing on Department of Commerce Critical Technology Assessment of Biotechnology in U.S. Industry.

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3876, 14th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW., U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

For more information contact Lee Ann Carpenter on (202) 482-2583.

Dated: September 18, 2002.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Visit Industry Program

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of implementation of the Visit Industry Program.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce will provide for private sector companies to host a US&FCS International Trade Specialist for a period of up to 30 days for the purpose of improving his/her understanding of the issues and obstacles that small and medium-sized businesses must face. The US&FCS believes that such an agreement, authorized under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (MECEA) and ITA's appropriations act, will enhance the ability of its trade specialists to understand the problems and issues facing exporting businesses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James S. Cramer, International Trade Specialist, Office of the Director General, U.S. Commercial Service, (202) 482-2071.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The goal of the Visit Industry Program is to pursue high-quality professional development opportunities, to improve the Trade Specialists' understanding of the issues and obstacles that small and medium-sized businesses must face, educating the trade specialist and assisting the participating company in pursuing international business opportunities. The purpose of the agreement is to provide U.S. & FCS Trade Specialists with an in-depth professional development opportunity that is not available from any other public or private source.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 4721; 22 U.S.C. 2455 (f).

Dated: August 24, 2002.

Bruce W. Blakeman,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Domestic Operations, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091702B]

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 Monkfish Oversight Committee, Skate Advisory Panel and Whiting Oversight Committee in October, 2002 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on October 8-10, 2002 and October 23-24, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Portland, ME, Mansfield and Danvers, MA and Warwick, RI. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

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, (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Tuesday, October 8, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.—Monkfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME; telephone: (207-775-2311).

The Committee will review overfishing definition options and analysis prepared by the Plan Development Team (PDT) for inclusion in Framework 2, and comments by the Scientific and Statistical Committee. The analysis will also show Fishing Year 2003 target Total Allowable Catch (TACs) for each of the options. Framework 2 will implement adjustments to the overfishing definitions that were made on a temporary basis under NMFS emergency rule in 2002, with modifications as appropriate based on PDT analysis. Framework 2 will also implement trip limit and days-at-sea adjustments for 2003 as needed to achieve the target TACs. Unless modified by Framework 2, the default measures eliminating the monkfish directed fishery will take effect upon expiration of the emergency rule in May, 2003 (pending an extension for 180 days by the Secretary of Commerce in November, 2001). The Committee will also provide guidance to the PDT in the development of management alternatives to achieve the targets for the 2003 fishing year.

Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.—Whiting Oversight Committee Meeting.

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

The committee will review development of Framework 37 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP), including progress on Draft Framework 37 document, background information, and available analyses. They will refine alternatives for inclusion in Framework 37. They will also provide guidance to the Whiting PDT regarding Framework 37. Also on the agenda is discussion of the timing of Framework 37 and other related issues.

Thursday, October 10, 2002 at 10 a.m.—Skate Advisory Panel Meeting.

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

The panel will review the Draft Skate FMP and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and public hearing document. They will review public comments received on the Draft Skate FMP/EIS and public hearing document. They will also develop advisory panel comments and recommendations for Skate Committee and Council consideration regarding the Final Skate FMP management measures.

Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, October 24, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.—Monkfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Hampton Inn and Suites Airport, 2100 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-8888.

The Committee will review a draft Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report on the 2001 fishing year, and PDT analysis of options for overfishing definition reference points, target TACs and management measures to be considered in Framework 2. Measures under consideration include adjustments to the trip limits and days-at-sea allocations to achieve the target TACs and to account for changes to the multispecies fishery management program (affecting monkfish vessels) under the court-ordered remedy. The Committee will recommend preferred alternatives to the Councils, as appropriate, or any other measures needed to achieve the plan objectives in 2003. The Committee will discuss the status of Amendment 2 and develop a timetable for completion of required elements and analysis.

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

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: September 17, 2002.

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091702A]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement Oversight Committee (Ad Hoc EIS Oversight Committee) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public, on the draft Groundfish Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 7-8, 2002. The Ad Hoc EIS Oversight Committee working meeting will begin Monday, October 7, 2002 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 8.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the conference room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher Dahl, NEPA Specialist, (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Ad Hoc EIS Oversight Committee meeting is to review the status of the PEIS and to develop comprehensive alternatives to the current groundfish management program. The committee met in May 2002 and developed an initial set of five program alternatives which were presented to the Council in June 2002. The Council delayed adoption of those recommendations due to preliminary information that major management changes might be necessary for the remainder of 2002 and 2003. The Council has now completed its deliberations on the 2003 harvest levels and management measures. The Ad Hoc EIS Oversight Committee will consider the Council's 2003 management recommendations, the May 2002 report, public comments, and other information and may choose to revise the proposed alternatives. The Ad Hoc EIS Oversight Committee will present its proposed alternatives to the Council at the October 28-November 1 meeting. The Council expects to adopt PEIS alternatives at that time.

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 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