

allocation programs (i.e., IFQs and sectors;

7. Develop Herring Committee recommendations regarding cooperative research priorities for the 2010 research set-aside (RSA) program.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### 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's (Council) Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, September 29, 2008 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

**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; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to continue development of Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Amendment 16 will adjust management measures as necessary to continue stock rebuilding. The Committee will finalize its recommendations for measures that will be analyzed in the draft amendment document. They will discuss measures for both the commercial and recreational components of the fishery at this meeting. This will include recommendations for rebuilding strategies and target fishing mortality rates as well as changes to measures that will achieve the targeted rates. The Committee may also review sector policies, the setting of annual catch limits, accountability measures, and other amendment alternatives. Committee recommendations will be presented to the New England Fishery Management Council at a later meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) advisory bodies will hold meetings, which are open to the public, on October 7-9, 2008. The primary purpose of the meetings is to review the current Pacific sardine stock assessment update and draft terms of reference for the 2009 CPS stock assessment review process.

**DATES:** The Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) CPS Subcommittee will meet in a joint session on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The CPSMT will hold a work session on Wednesday, October 8, 2008, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will meet Thursday, October 9, 2008, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held in the Large Conference Room at the office of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CPSMT, the SSC CPS Subcommittee, and the CPSAS will review the current Pacific sardine stock assessment update and the terms of reference for the 2009 CPS stock assessment reviews. The CPSMT and the CPSAS will also develop harvest guideline and management measure recommendations for the 2009 Pacific sardine fishery. The CPSMT and CPSAS will develop recommendations for Council consideration at the November 1-7, 2008, meeting in San Diego, CA, and address other issues relating to CPS