

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****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 (Committee) in June, 2012, 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 Monday, June 25, 2012, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, MA 02128, telephone: (617) 569-5250; fax: (617) 569-5159.

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 Research Steering Committee will meet to give an update on NEFSC Northeast Cooperative Research Program as well as an update on NERO Cooperative research activities. The Committee will also review cooperative research projects final reports: (1) REDNET—A Network to Redevelop a Sustainable Redfish (*Sebastes fasciatus*) Trawl Fishery in the Gulf of Maine; Kohl Kanwit, Mike Pol, Pingguo He; (2) Optimizing the Georges Bank Scallop Fishery by Maximizing Meat Yield and Minimizing Bycatch; 2011 Sea Scallop Research Set-Aside, Ronald Smolowitz, Kathryn Goetting, Farrell Davis, Dan Ward, Coonamessett Farm Foundation, Inc; (3) A Study on the Use of Tie-Downs and Their Impact on Atlantic Sturgeon, Marine Mammal Bycatch and Targeted Catch in the New Jersey Monkfish Fishery. Fox, D. A., L. M. Brown, K. W. Wark, and J. L. Armstrong. 2011, NOAA Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program; (4) Pilot Project to Assess Need and Initialize a Methodology to Groundtruth Existing Multibeam and Side-scan Sonar Seafloor Charts—NEC Report, Salvatore Genovese, Ph.D. Northeast University;

(5) Ecological Role of Adult and Juvenile Anadromous Forage fish in Downeast Maine Estuaries: Sea-run Alewife and Groundfish Prey—NEC Report, Karen Wilson, University of Southern Maine; and (6) A Collaborative Effort to Examine New Strategies for Managing Closed Bottom Habitats for Sea Scallops—NEC Report, Dr. Brian F. Beal, University of Maine at Machias, Terry Stockwell and Chris Bartlett.

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 Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: June 5, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

ACTION: Notice of change to public meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) announces a change in the agenda for the 154th Council Meeting.

DATES: The 154th Council meeting will be held between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2012, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on June 27, 2012, and between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on June 28, 2012.

For specific times and agenda, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The Council meeting will be held at the Laniakea YWCA-Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 538-7061.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, June 05, 2012 (77 FR 33195). This notice announces an amendment to the agenda. All other previously-published information remains the same.

The 154th Council meeting will be held between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2012, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on June 27, 2012, and between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on June 28, 2012. Pelagics and International Fisheries is scheduled on the agenda for the afternoon session of the Council between 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on June 27, 2012.

Revised Agenda for Item II: Pelagic & International Fisheries

- A. Amendment Options for Marianas Purse Seine Area Closure (Action Item)
- B. Recommendations on Territory Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits (Action Item)
- C. Options for American Samoa Longline and Purse Seine Landing Requirements (Action Item)
- D. Implementation of the Incidental Take Statement in the 2012 Biological Opinion for Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery (Action Item)
- E. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Quarterly Reports
- F. International Fisheries Meetings
 - 1. Eighth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC 8)
 - 2. Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) General Advisory Committee (GAC) and Scientific Subcommittee (SAC) Meetings
 - 3. U.S. Report to the Western and Central Pacific Tuna Commission
- G. Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Recommendation on International Fisheries Management
- H. Pelagic Plan Team Report
- I. Scientific and Statistical Committee Discussion and Recommendations
- J. Pelagic Standing Committee Report
- K. Public Hearing
- L. Council Discussion and Action

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