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The following are descriptions of some of the items that will be considered for adoption at the meeting. Comments will be taken on these and other issues during public hearings on July 14, 2008. The Committees will meet after the hearings to finalize the proposals for possible adoption at voting sessions on July 16 and 17, 2008. The Committees may withdraw or carryover items that need additional development.

The Specifications and Tolerances Committee will consider proposed amendments to NIST Handbook 44, "Specifications, Tolerances, and other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices." Those items address weighing and measuring devices used in commercial measurement applications, that is, devices that are normally used to buy from or sell to the general public or used for determining the quantity of product sold among businesses. Issues on the agenda of the NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee relate to proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130, "Uniform Laws and Regulations in the area of legal metrology, method of sale of commodities regulations and engine fuel labeling." This notice only contains information about significant items on the NCWM agenda so many others are not presented.

#### **NCWM Specifications and Tolerances Committee**

*The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 44:*

##### *General Code*

*Item 310-1. G.S.8. Provisions for Sealing Adjustable Components on Weighing and Measuring Devices:* This proposal includes language that clarifies the means that can be used to prohibit devices from facilitating fraud as it applies to the electronically programmed and coded components of weighing or measuring devices. The intent of this proposal is to reduce electronic manipulation or alteration that results in consumers being overcharged for the products or services that they purchase. Examples of fraud issues in the past few years have involved: (1) Users altering, manipulating, or interfering with metrological software interfaced or

installed in equipment; and (2) users gaining access to the calibration features of scales because the device was not set up in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The Committee is proposing to update the requirements for security seals and other access limitations to the accuracy and other metrological adjustments on weighing and measuring equipment.

##### *Scales Code*

*Item 320-2. Weight Units and Tare Determinations:* This item will require scales to determine net weights with accurate mathematical calculations that take into account the value of the increments displayed at different capacities on devices with single or multiple weighing ranges.

##### *Liquid-Measuring Devices*

*Item 330-1. Temperature Compensation for Liquid-Measuring Devices:* This proposal describes the design specifications, test procedures, and user responsibilities on retail liquid measuring devices that may be equipped with an automatic means to allow the delivery of fuel with its volume adjusted to a specific reference temperature.

#### **NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee**

*The following voting items are proposals to amend the Engine Fuel Law and Regulation and the Method of Sale of Commodities Regulation in NIST Handbook 130:*

*Items 223-1 and 237-1. Revisions to the Uniform Engine Fuels, Petroleum Products and Automotive Lubricants Law and Regulation:* These proposals include amendments that will update the laws and regulations to reflect the increased use of alternative fuels. They include new provisions for full disclosure of product information to consumers and allow state authorities to inspect records and grant waivers of fuel specifications in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency.

*Item 250-1. The Method of Sale of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables:* This proposal contains suggested methods of sale (e.g., weight, dry measure, or count) for a wide variety of fruit and vegetables offered for sale in retail stores, farmers markets, and at roadside stands. The intent of the recommendation is to provide consumers with information on the net quantity of contents in packages and to facilitate value comparison.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN: 0648-XI55**

#### **Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to convene its Ad Hoc Grouper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Advisory Panel (AHGIFQAP) via conference call.

**DATES:** The conference call will be held July 16, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call and listening stations will be available. For specific locations see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Assane Diagne, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The conference call will begin at 1:30 p.m. EDT and conclude no later than 5 p.m. EDT. Listening stations are available at the following locations:

The Gulf Council office (see **ADDRESSES**), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) offices as follows: Panama City, FL, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408; contact: Janice Hamm, telephone: (850)-234-6541.

The AHGIFQAP will hold a conference call to discuss the public hearing draft for Amendment 29 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan. Reef Fish Amendment 29 proposes to rationalize effort and reduce overcapacity in the commercial grouper and tilefish fisheries in order to achieve and maintain optimum yield (OY). Effort management approaches considered in this amendment include permit endorsements and the implementation of an Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AHGIFQAP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Actions will be restricted to the issue specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The listening stations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XI53**

##### New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee, in July, 2008, 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 Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, One Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 734-9600; fax: (401) 734-9700

*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 committee will review public scoping comments on Amendment 15 and begin development of alternatives. The scoping issues included: implementation of annual catch limits (ACLs); measures to rationalize the limited access scallop fishery; revision of the overfishing definition; modifications to specific aspects of the general category limited entry program implemented by Amendment 11; measures to address essential fish habitat (EFH) closed areas in the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) if the EFH Omnibus Amendment is delayed; alternatives to improve the research set-aside program and modifying the start date of the scallop fishing year. Other issues may also be discussed based on input from scoping. The committee will also review Section 7 Endangered Species Act Consultation for the Scallop FMP (Biological Opinion) and discuss potential management implications. The committee may discuss other topics at their discretion.

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 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.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XI56**

##### New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee on July 10, 2008 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, July 10, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, 350 Commercial Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 772-2321; fax: (207) 772-6855.

*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:** In addition to electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) will: (1) review and develop comments on the NMFS proposed rule that addresses requirements for annual catch limits and accountability measures; (2) as part of Amendment 16 to the Council's Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan, review a proposed process for setting northeast multispecies overfishing levels, acceptable biological catch and annual catch limits; (3) review Groundfish Plan Development Team guidance for evaluating uncertainty when setting annual catch limits, and; (4) review analytic techniques for estimating the economic impacts of groundfish management actions.

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