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David Long,

*Director, Office of Service Industries,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 will convene a joint meeting of its Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC and Reef Fish Advisory Panel, in St. Petersburg, FL, on September 24 - 28, 2007.

DATES: The Ecosystem SSC meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 24, 2007 and conclude by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. The Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26 and conclude by 3 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007. The Reef Fish Advisory Panel meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2007 and conclude by 3 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton, 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician and Frank S. Kennedy, Fishery Biologist; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning Monday, September 27, 2007, the Ecosystem SSC, along with invited ecosystem modeling experts and other workshop attendees, will continue the process begun in an earlier workshop of evaluating the feasibility of using an ecosystem modeling approach to address fishery management related issues. The group will document data sources used in the Ecopath with Ecosim model of the Gulf of Mexico, and they will identify uncertainties associated with the model. The group will also discuss with Southeast Fisheries Science Center assessment biologists differences between ecosystem modeling and single species stock assessments and, if possible, resolve contradictory results between single species assessments and ecosystem modeling results. The group will also begin developing a proposal for integrating ecosystem modeling activities into the process for evaluating potential management measures.

On Wednesday, September 26, the Ecosystem SSC will meet jointly with the Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC to summarize the ecosystem modeling process, preliminary results, and differences with single species assessment results. The Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will review and comment on the adequacy of the science, and may provide other comments as it deems appropriate.

Beginning Thursday, September 27, the Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will meet with the Reef Fish AP to hear presentations on Public Hearing Draft Reef Fish Amendment 30A (greater amberjack/gray tilefish), an options paper for Reef Fish Amendment 30B (red grouper/gag), and a scoping document for Reef Fish Amendment 29 (grouper/tilefish limited access). The Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific SSC and the Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) will then meet separately - each will discuss the Amendment 30A public hearing draft, the Amendment 30B options paper, and the Amendment 29 scoping document, and make recommendations to the Council. Each will also discuss possible adjustments to the deep-water grouper and tilefish total allowable catches

(TACs) and, time permitting, will review the proposed goliath grouper cooperative research program. The Reef Fish AP will also elect a new Chair and Vice-chair.

Copies of the agendas and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SSC's and AP's 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 these meetings. Actions of the SSC will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Dogfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel, 1850 Post Rd., Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 738-4000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to consider the appropriateness of making changes, if any, to management measures currently in place for the upcoming (2008–09) fishing year for spiny dogfish. Management measures that will be discussed will include, but will not necessarily be limited to, quotas and daily landings limits.

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

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Bryan at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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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 of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will

hold a two-day Council meeting on September 18–19, 2007, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m., and Wednesday, September 19, 2007, beginning at 8 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 03260; telephone: (508) 747-4900.

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:

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Following introductions, the Council will conduct elections for 2007–08 officers. Once elections have been completed, members will receive a report from NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement on vessel monitoring system (VMS) network outages and missing position reports from last spring through mid-winter, 2007. Prior to a lunch break there will be an update on the status of Atlantic herring as well as the east coast herring fishery. During the afternoon session the Council will consider and possibly approve a Great South Channel Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC) for inclusion in the draft document for Essential Fish Habitat Omnibus Amendment 2. The Multispecies (Groundfish) Committee will provide an update on the development of Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Topics will include sector policy issues, permit history calculations for determining sector catch shares and a review of fishing effort control measures under discussion. The Council will adjourn for the day following a report from its Transboundary Management Guidance Committee. Based on committee advice, the Council intends to approve 2008 Total Allowable Catches for Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

The Wednesday session will begin with a series of brief reports from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Northeast Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard,

NOAA Enforcement, and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Following these reports, the Council will receive a presentation summarizing the conclusions of the 45th Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop and its Stock Assessment Review Committee concerning the status of sea scallops and Northern shrimp. The Council's Scallop Committee will review progress to date on Framework 19 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan. Following a lunch break there will be a presentation by NOAA Fisheries staff on Draft Amendment 2 to the Consolidated Highly Migratory Species FMP. The amendment examines different management alternatives available to rebuild sandbar, dusky and porbeagle sharks. There will be an update on the draft management measures and alternatives developed for inclusion in Amendment 3 to the Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan. The Council also will hear a report on the status of the monkfish resource, a presentation based on the results of the recently convened Data Poor Stocks Working Group. The Council meeting will adjourn once it has addressed monkfish management issues, including a discussion of possibly initiating a new framework adjustment to the Monkfish FMP in response to the monkfish assessment and to replace the 2007 emergency rule now in effect.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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