

of business, may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code, for individuals in the Government serving without pay. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit members of the Committee who are officers of employees of the United States from being allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with existing law.

Members shall not reference or otherwise utilize their membership on the Committee or its subcommittees in connection with public statements made in their personal capacities without a disclaimer that the views expressed are their own and do not represent the views of the Committee or its subcommittees, NIST, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Department of State, the Attorney General, the Office of National Intelligence, the Initiative Office, the President, or the Department of Commerce.

Miscellaneous

Meetings will be conducted at least twice each year.

1. Generally, Committee meetings are open to the public.
2. Meeting may be held in-person in selected locations across the country and/or virtually.

Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from all fields, sectors, and perspectives described above.
2. Nominees should represent broad and interdisciplinary expertise and perspectives, including from academic institutions, companies across diverse sectors, nonprofit and civil society entities, including civil rights and disability rights organizations, and Federal laboratories, who represent geographic diversity, and who are qualified to provide advice and information on science and technology research, development, ethics, standards, education, technology transfer, commercial application, security, and economic competitiveness related to artificial intelligence. The field of eminence for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on Federal advisory boards and Federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state whether

the candidate seeks to serve on the Committee, the Subcommittee, or both; and that the candidate acknowledges the responsibilities of serving and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Committee or Subcommittee, as appropriate. Third-party nomination letters should state that the candidate agrees to the nomination.

3. The Department of Commerce seeks a broad-based and diverse Committee and subcommittee membership.

Alicia Chambers,
NIST Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee (Committee) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, October 15, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar connection information will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee will meet to review the draft document being prepared for the Council to address issues related to the species separation requirements in the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.
Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 3, 2021.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy 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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New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a three-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Due to ongoing public safety considerations related to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted entirely by webinar.

DATES: The webinar meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 28, 29, and 30, 2021, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: All meeting participants and interested parties can register to join the webinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6852048029928028172>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492; www.nefmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

After introductions and brief announcements, NMFS's Regional Administrator for the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) will swear in new and reappointed Council members. The Council then will conduct its 2021-22 election of officers.

Reports on recent activities will be next. The Council will hear from its Chairman and Executive Director, GARFO's Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Director, the NOAA Office of General Counsel, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, staff from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement, the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and NMFS's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel. Next, the Council will receive an overview of H.R. 4690, "Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act of 2021," which is a bill to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Council will discuss the bill and approve comments.

Following the lunch break, the Council will receive a presentation from GARFO on two actions under the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan. These will cover: (1) The Phase 1 final rule for Northeast lobster and Jonah crab trap/pot fisheries; and (2) Phase 2 scoping on potential measures for U.S. gillnet and other trap/pot fisheries to reduce entanglements of North Atlantic right whales, humpback whales, and fin whales with commercial fishing gear. The Council will discuss Phase 2 and provide input on scoping comments. Next, the Council will discuss and take final action on Framework Adjustment 9 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This framework includes a rebuilding plan to address the overfished status of Atlantic herring, and it contains adjustments to herring accountability measures. As the final order of business for the day, the Council will receive an overview of NMFS's National Standard 1 Draft Technical Guidance Memo on managing with annual catch limits (ACLs) for data-limited stocks in federal fishery management plans. Following discussion, the Council will approve comments on the draft memo.

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

The Council will start off the day with a report on the 43rd annual meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). Then, the Council will receive a presentation from the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Social Science Subpanel on its review of socioeconomic information in Groundfish Framework Adjustment 59 and Scallop Framework Adjustment 32. The Council will discuss the results of this review. The Scallop Committee

Report will be next. The Council will receive a summary of 2021 scallop survey results and a progress report on Framework Adjustment 34 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP, which includes 2022 fishery specifications, 2023 default specifications, and measures that will be made available soon under Amendment 21 to the FMP. Additionally, the Council will receive: (1) A progress report on work being done to evaluate the scallop fishery's rotational area management program; and (2) an update on the Scallop Survey Working Group's activities. The Council then will transition into groundfish issues, beginning with a report from the Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee (TRAC) on the TRAC's 2021 assessment results and updates for shared U.S./Canada resources, which include Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. The Council then will hear the SSC's recommendations on overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2022 and 2023. This will be followed by the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee's recommendations for 2022 total allowable catches (TACs) for shared U.S./Canada resources on Georges Bank. The Council will review and approve the recommendations.

Following the lunch break, the Council will receive the Groundfish Committee Report, which will cover two items. The first will be a progress report on Framework Adjustment 63 to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP, which includes (1) 2022 TACs for U.S./Canada shared resources on Georges Bank; (2) 2022–23 specifications for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder; (3) 2022–24 specifications for Georges Bank cod and Gulf of Maine cod; (4) possible adjustment of 2022 specifications for Georges Bank and Gulf of Maine haddock; (5) adjustment of 2022 specifications for white hake based on a rebuilding plan; (6) additional measures to promote stock rebuilding; and (7) alternatives for setting groundfish default specifications. The second groundfish item pertains to the recent series of Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Workshops. The Council will consider measures that can be adopted regardless of outcomes from the next stock assessments for Atlantic cod. Then, the Council will receive the Skate Committee Report, starting with the SSC's overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch recommendations for the 2022–23 fishing years. The Council

will take final action on 2022–23 skate specifications. Following this discussion, the Council will receive an update on recent meetings of the Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP). The Council will review and approve a revised NTAP charter. After that, the Council will adjourn for the day.

Thursday, September 30, 2021

The Council will begin the third day of its meeting with a report from its Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee, which will include updates on: (1) EBFM public information workshops; (2) National Standard 1 issues related to potentially managing catches by stock complex rather than as individual stocks; and (3) a potential committee recommendation for an example EBFM Management Strategy Evaluation exercise. The Habitat Committee Report will follow. The Council will receive updates on: (1) Recent Council comments to federal agencies on offshore wind projects and other issues; (2) upcoming comment opportunities; and (3) other habitat-related work. The Monkfish Committee then will report on its discussion of analyses of discard estimation methods and potential next steps resulting from this work. Next, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center will provide a presentation on the peer review of the June 2021 Management Track Stock Assessments for black sea bass, scup, Atlantic mackerel, and golden tilefish. This will be followed by the Whiting Committee Report, which will include an overview of the committee's discussion on the 2020 Annual Monitoring Report and follow-up on whether management adjustments are needed.

After the lunch break, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3–5 minutes. These comments will be received through the webinar. A guide for how to publicly comment through the webinar is available on the Council website at https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/NEFMC-meeting-remote-participation_generic.pdf. Following the public comment period, the Council will begin its initial discussion on 2022 Council Priorities for all fishery management plans and other Council responsibilities. Final action on 2022 priorities will take place during the Council's December 2021 meeting. After this discussion, the Council will close out the meeting with other business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is being conducted entirely by webinar. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 3, 2021.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy 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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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a four-day in-person and virtual (hybrid) meeting of its Standing, Reef Fish, Socioeconomic, and Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will take place Monday, September 27 to Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EDT daily.

ADDRESSES: The in-person meeting will take place at the Gulf Council office. If you are unable to travel, you may attend via webinar. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ryan Rindone, Lead Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Monday, September 27, 2021; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT

The meeting will begin with Introductions and Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Verbatim Minutes and Meeting Summary from the August 9–11, 2021 webinar meeting, and review of Scope of Work. The Committees will select an SSC Representative for the October 25–28, 2021 Gulf Council Meeting, and then briefly discuss the Final Draft of the Scientific and Statistical Committee's Best Practices and Voting Procedures. Next, the Committees will review and discuss a Decision Tree for Making Informed Decisions on Parameters for Yield Projections, along with an Evaluation of a Novel Projection Method to Streamline Allocation-informed Yields.

The Committees will review and discuss SEDAR 70: Gulf of Mexico Greater Amberjack Stock Assessment, including presentations, discussion of Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) proxies, and projections using the updated method. The Committees will then review and discuss the Terms of Reference for Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group *Spanish Mackerel* Operational Assessment, followed by the Scope of Work for Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group *Cobia* Operational Assessment.

Tuesday, September 28, 2021; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT

The Committees will review a presentation and supporting documentation for Red Tide Ecosystem Modeling. Next, the Committees will review and discuss SEDAR 72: Gulf of Mexico Gag Stock Assessment Report, including presentations on the data, analyses, and projections used in the assessment. The Committees will then review a presentation on Using Field Experiments to Assess Alternative Mechanisms for Distributing Fish to the Recreational Sector.

Wednesday, September 29, 2021; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT

The Committees will spend the day reviewing the LGL Ecological Associates absolute abundance study of *Red Snapper* off Louisiana, beginning with the Introduction: Estimating Absolute Abundance of *Red Snapper* off

Louisiana. The Committees will review presentations on Study Area and Habitats, Habitat Areas and Discrete Structures, and Sampling Sites. Next, the Committees will review Field Surveys and Sample Processing, with presentations on: Hydroacoustic Field Surveys and Initial Data Processing; Hydroacoustic Data Processing Methods; and Other Survey Methods, including Camera Surveys, Hook and Line Surveys, Mark/Recapture Surveys, and Age Determinations. The Committees will then review Statistical Analyses and Modeling, with presentations on Mean Site Abundance of *Red Snapper*, Modeled Abundance of *Red Snapper*, Mark/Recapture Population Estimates, and Growth and Condition. The Committees will then review the project Results, with presentations on Mean Site Abundance Results; Modeled Site Abundance; and Age, Growth, and Condition. Finally, the Committees will have Discussion, with presentations on Overall Abundance, Impact on Stock Status, and Summary and Conclusions.

Thursday, September 30, 2021; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT

The Committees will review the Finalized Great *Red Snapper* Count Report, including a presentation on the Response to Reviewer Comments and Final Project Outcomes. Next the Committees will receive a presentation on the Essential Fish Habitat Consultation Process, followed by reviews of the SEDAR Schedule and the Council's Interim Analysis Schedule. The Committees will then review the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology. Lastly, the Committees will receive public comment before addressing any items under Other Business.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be also be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those