

The Committee's recommendations will be delivered to the full Council at its meeting in Mystic, CT on April 27–29, 2010.

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

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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) Joint Groundfish/Scallop Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, Boston, MA 02210; telephone: (617) 385–4000; fax: (617) 385–4001.

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:

1. The Joint Groundfish/Scallop Committee of the New England Fishery Management Council will meet to begin the preparation of a management action to facilitate the transfer of yellowtail flounder allocations between the groundfish and scallop industries. Yellowtail flounder is a target species for groundfish vessels, and is an incidental catch for scallop vessels. With the implementation of Annual Catch Limits in 2010, fishing opportunities of both fleets can be constrained by decisions on the how yellowtail flounder is allocated. Developing a mechanism to allow the transfer of yellowtail flounder between these fisheries may facilitate their respective activities and may reduce allocation issues between the two fleets. The Committee will develop a problem statement for the action, identify measurable goals and objectives, and will identify management alternatives. One alternative the Committee will probably develop would allow the formation of sectors within the scallop fishery for the sole purpose of exchanging yellowtail flounder with groundfish sectors established under the provisions of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Other alternatives may also be developed by the Committee. Committee recommendations will be presented to the Council at a future date.

2. Other business may also be discussed.

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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 will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Reef Fish Limited Access Privilege Program Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 31 and conclude by 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reef Fish Limited Access Privilege Program Advisory Panel will meet to further discuss issues related to the design, adoption, implementation, and, evaluation of reef fish limited access programs for the commercial and recreational sectors.

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

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel 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 Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.