

schedules for overfished stocks. At a meeting on February 27, 2002, the New England Council decided to develop groundfish management measures for five broad areas and one user group: inshore Gulf of Maine, offshore Gulf of Maine, eastern Georges Bank, western Georges Bank, Southern New England/Mid Atlantic, and recreational/charter/party. This meeting will focus on commercial fishing for groundfish in the Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic area, the boundaries for this area will be determined at the March 27, 2002 Groundfish Committee meeting.

Interested parties will be consulted to identify management measures that will achieve specific biological, economic, and social objectives identified by the Council. Such measures may include, but are not limited to, trip or possession limits, changes to the days-at-sea program, year-round or seasonal closed areas, or gear changes. The committee will consider these suggested measures and will develop a recommendation that will be reviewed by the Council at a later date. After Council approval, the measures will be analyzed and included in a draft supplemental environmental impact statement. The committee may also consider alternatives to this area management approach if technical advice received at the March 19, 2002 Council meeting suggests it is not feasible.

Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, April 11, 2002 at 8:30 a.m.—Monkfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel Providence; 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

The Committee will review information provided by the Advisory Panel, Plan Development Team and/or Councils' staffs and continue development of Amendment 2 management alternatives. Measures that may be included or adjusted in Amendment 2 include, but are not limited to, permit qualification for vessels fishing south of 38° N, trip limits, days-at-sea allocations, closed areas, minimum fish size, minimum mesh size, and area-specific management programs for the Northern and Southern Fishery Management Areas, as well as for the offshore fishery in the Southern Area. Amendment 2 will also implement revisions to the monkfish overfishing definitions. Measures to be considered in Amendment 2 will be designed to achieve fishing mortality targets as well as to minimize bycatch, interactions with protected species and fishery impacts on essential fish habitat.

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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: March 15, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific 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 Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for bocaccio and canary rockfish will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The bocaccio and canary rockfish STAR Panel will meet beginning at 9 a.m., April 15, 2002. The meeting will continue on April 16, 2002 beginning at 8 a.m. through April 19, 2002. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The Pacific bocaccio and canary rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held at NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Auditorium, 2725 Montlake Blvd. E, Seattle, WA 98112; telephone: 206-860-3200.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Staff Officer; 503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

Entry to the Northwest Fisheries Science Center requires identification with photograph (such as a student ID, state drivers license, etc.). A security guard will review the identification and issue a Visitor's Badge valid only for the date of the meeting.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in STAR Panel agenda may come before the STAR Panel for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Panel action during this meeting. STAR Panel 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 Panel'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Reconfirmation of a Previous Directive Concerning Visa and Quota Requirements for Textiles and Textile Products Entered as Sets

March 15, 2002.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reconfirming a previous directive.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 18, 2002.