

includes ABC recommendations for spiny dogfish; special session for social/economics issues; review MAFMC five-year research plan progress report on Management Strategy Evaluation study; and Ecosystem Subcommittee report and discuss development of Programmatic Environmental Assessment for future ecosystem based fishery management activities by the Mid-Atlantic Council. The purpose of the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee will be to discuss quota recommendations and associated management measures for spiny dogfish for fishing years 2012–2015.

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 Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 2011.

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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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) Herring Advisory Panel will hold a meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Boston North Shore, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777–2500; fax: (978) 750–7991.

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 panel's agenda are as follows:

1. The Advisory Panel will review the Management Alternatives Under Consideration and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP and develop comments/recommendations for the Council to consider at its September 26–29, 2011 Meeting;

2. Review and provide feedback regarding the Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the upcoming benchmark stock assessment for Atlantic herring (54th Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) scheduled for spring 2012).

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council)

will convene a meeting via conference call of the Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT) which is open to the public.

DATES: The EPDT will meet on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 and Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day, or when business for each day is completed.

ADDRESSES: Public listening stations will be available at the following locations: Pacific Fishery Management Council, Small Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101; Portland, Oregon 97220; Telephone: 503–820–2280. National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Conference Room, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, California 95060; Telephone: 831–420–3900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Burner, Staff Officer; telephone: 503–820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Please note, this is not a public hearing; it is a work session for the primary purpose of drafting a report and recommendations to the Council on the Schedule and Plans for Developing a Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP). The EPDT will primarily address Council requests from the June 2011 Council meeting where the Council approved a draft purpose and need statement and moved to develop an ecosystem plan that is primarily advisory in nature with the potential for expanding the plan to include regulatory authority in the future. The Council recommended continued management of fisheries through existing fishery management plans (FMPs), including potential future management measures for forage fish species. The Council also tasked the EPDT with developing a list of West Coast species that are not currently included in any FMP, that are not under State management, are not listed under the Endangered Species Act, or are species that could be the target of future fishery exploitation.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the EPDT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal EPDT action during this meeting. EPDT 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.