

Sea Monitoring Framework Adjustment and a review analysis from the PDT then discuss recommendations to the council. They will also receive an overview of the Amendment 18 (A18) Public Hearings and develop if necessary final recommendations to the council on preferred alternatives in A18. The committee also plans to discuss concerns raised by the recreational fishery regarding Gulf of Maine cod and haddock. Additionally, they will discuss enforcement concerns for the Groundfish Fishery on EGB in order to improve identification of the separator panel within the trawl net and discuss recommendations to the council. They will also discuss other business as necessary.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE117

Groundfish Operational Assessment Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) will convene a peer review of

Operational Stock Assessments of twenty fish stocks. These stocks are managed by the New England Fishery Management Council and are included within the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. This will be a formal, scientific peer review of operational assessments which incorporate recent data. Results of the review will be used as a basis for management decisions for fish stocks in U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by stock assessment scientists primarily from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and reviewed by a panel of stock assessment experts. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions by reviewers and scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting will be held from September 14, 2015 through September 18, 2015. The meeting will commence on September 14, 2015 at 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the S.H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Sheena Steiner, 508-495-2177; email: sheena.steiner@noaa.gov; or, James Weinberg, 508-495-2352; email: james.weinberg@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the NEFSC Web site at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/>.

Daily Meeting Agenda—Operational Assessments for 20 Groundfish Stocks *

Monday, September 14

10-10:30 a.m.

Welcome

Introductions

10:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Gulf of Maine Cod

Georges Bank Cod

Gulf of Maine Haddock

Tuesday, September 15

8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Georges Bank Haddock

Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine Yellowtail

Flounder

Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic

Yellowtail Flounder

Georges Bank Winter Flounder

Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic

Winter Flounder

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Acadian Redfish

American Plaice

Witch Flounder

White Hake

Thursday, September 17

8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Pollock

Wolffish

Atlantic Halibut

Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank

Windowpane

Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic

Windowpane

Ocean Pout

Gulf of Maine Winter Flounder

Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder

Friday, September 18

9 a.m.–5 p.m.—Assessment Report

Writing

* Subject to Change

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Sheena Steiner at the NEFSC, 508-495-2177, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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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 will hold a two-day meeting of its Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1-2, 2015, starting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, and will end at approximately 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Westshore Tampa Airport Hotel, 2225 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 877-6688.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org, telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Chairman will start the meeting with introductions and adoption of the agenda, and will hold elections for a new chair and vice-chair. The Committee will then review and approve the minutes from the May 20, 2015 Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC meeting. The Committee will receive a report from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) on the SEDAR 42 Red Grouper Benchmark Assessment. If the Committee accepts the assessment and sufficient information is available, the Committee will recommend overfishing limits (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) levels for red grouper. The Committee will discuss best practices for constant catch Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) projections, and will recommend a constant catch ABC for the west Florida shelf stock of hogfish based on analysis provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. The Committee will also receive a report from the SEFSC on the SEDAR 43 Gray Triggerfish Standard Assessment. If the Committee accepts the assessment and sufficient information is available, the Committee will recommend overfishing limits (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) levels for gray triggerfish. The Committee will review and discuss best practices for determining the number of years to provide Overfishing Limits (OFL) and ABC projections. They will review and approve the terms of reference for a review of an upcoming SEDAR 47 Goliath Grouper Standard Assessment, and will select two SSC members to participate as the Chair and Reviewer at the Review Workshop. The Committee will receive a report on Integrated Ecosystem Assessment and Management Strategy Evaluation as it pertains to single-species assessments. Finally, the Committee will review the SEDAR Assessment Schedule and tentative meeting dates for 2016 SSC meetings; and will discuss of Other Business, if any.

Meeting Adjourns

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other

meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's Web site and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council Web site (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "SSC meeting-2015-09".

The meeting will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's Web site, <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committee 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 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.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Gulf Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE091

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 (Council) is

scheduling a public meeting of its Whiting Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn, 2100 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-8888; fax: (401) 739-1550.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review the 2015 Annual Monitoring Report produced by the Whiting Plan Development Team and a draft scoping document for Amendment 22 to develop limited access alternatives. Other business may be discussed if time permits.

Special Accommodations

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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 (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its