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DATES: The VCAT will meet on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 17, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mountain Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Katharine Blodgett Gebbie Laboratory Conference Room, Room 81-1A106, at NIST, 325 Broadway Street, Boulder, Colorado 80305. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Shaw, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1060, telephone number 301-975-2667. Ms. Shaw's email address is stephanie.shaw@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 278, as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App

The purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on major programs at NIST. In addition, the meeting will include presentations and discussions on NIST's role in quantum science, technology transfer, and an update on public safety. The Committee also will review NIST's facilities plans and progress on ongoing renovation efforts. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately one-half hour on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but, is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers

who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, via fax at 301-216-0529 or electronically by email to stephanie.shaw@nist.gov, by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, October 8, 2018.

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Emily Luce by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information; please contact Ms. Luce. Ms. Luce's email address is emily.luce@nist.gov and her phone number is 301-975-2661. For participants attending in person, please note that federal agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if such license or identification card is issued by a state that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-13), or by a state that has an extension for REAL ID compliance. NIST currently accepts other forms of federal-issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license. For detailed information please contact Ms. Luce at 301-975-2661 or visit: http://nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/.

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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 Herring 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 Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 1 Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300.

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:

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will review results from the 2018 herring benchmark assessment (65th Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop, SAW 65). They will review public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Amendment 8 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and discuss final preferred alternative recommendations. They will also discuss possible measures to include for consideration in the 2019-21 fishery specifications action including discussion of a potential independent action for fishing year 2019 that NOAA Fisheries may develop. A separate action may be considered to set fishery specifications for 2019 because final measures for 2019-21 developed through the Council process are not expected to be implemented until mid-year of 2019. Also on the agenda is initial discussion of potential 2019 herring work priorities. They will discuss other business as necessary.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. 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.*

Dated: August 22, 2018.

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