

Council Meeting Agenda | June 22-24, 2010
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Tuesday, June 22, 2010

- 9:00 a.m. Introductions and Announcements** (Council Chairman John Pappalardo)
- 9:10 Reports on Recent Activities**
Council Chairman, Executive Director, NMFS Regional Administrator, NOAA General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement/VMS, and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- 10:45 Enforcement Committee Report** (Rodney Avila)
Report on recommendations for simplifying and enforcing fishing regulations, including those associated with sectors; update on the committee's discussion to improve relations with stakeholders
- 11:30 Special Coast Guard Report** (Capt. Pete DeCola, USCG)
Presentation on New England fishing vessel safety relative to the age and condition of the boats in the Northeast
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:15 Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) presentation** (Katherine Leyden, NROC Co-Chair)
Briefing on NROC's organization, mission and objectives, and potential relationship with the Council
- 2:15 Habitat Committee Report** (David Preble)
Review alternatives for inclusion in the Habitat Omnibus 2 DEIS, specifically those related to management measures intended to reduce/spatially optimize the adverse effects of fishing on essential fish habitat; review Plan Development Team/committee progress on other Omnibus 2 items and review the timeline for completing the action

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Groundfish Committee Report** (Rip Cunningham)
Initiate action on Framework Adjustment 45 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to modify the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder rebuilding strategy, incorporate new sector requests and consider a general category scallop dredge exemption for yellowtail flounder in the Great South Channel; other management measures under consideration include:
- A party/charter boat limited entry control date
 - A Gulf of Maine winter flounder zero possession limit
 - Accountability measures and
 - Permit banks
- Discuss an amendment to address fleet diversity and accumulation limits for the multispecies fishery, followed by an update on the activities of the joint Groundfish/Scallop Committee
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:00 Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Report** (Dr. Paul Rago, NEFSC)
Presentation concerning the status of spiny dogfish
- 1:45 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report** (Dr. Steve Cadrin, NEFSC)
Review the SSC's recommendations for a revised red crab Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC), an Atlantic salmon ABC, and receive an overview of the committee's discussions concerning ABC control rules and research priorities
- 2:30 Red Crab Action** (Council Deputy Director Chris Kellogg)
Consider and approve an action to modify the red crab ABC to include discards; receive an update on the development of Red Crab Amendment 3

- 2:45 Atlantic Salmon Action** (Chris Kellogg)
Discuss and approve an Atlantic salmon ABC
- 3:00 Monkfish Committee Report** (Terry Stockwell)
Review analyses developed for an alternative annual catch target (ACT) for the Northern Management Area; introduced at the last Council meeting, the alternative (Option 3) would set the ACT at 80 percent of the allowable biological catch, or 13,988 metric tons; if approved, this measure would constitute the Council's final action on Amendment 5 to the Monkfish FMP; other management measures were approved at the Council's April meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2010

- 8:30 a.m. Review of Experimental Fishery Permit (EFP) Applications** (Chris Kellogg)
Discuss Council comments on EFPs as appropriate
- 8:45 Open Period for Public Comments** (John Pappalardo)
Opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on items relevant to Council business but not otherwise listed on the agenda
- 9:00 Report on Recreational Fishing Issues** (Russell Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, Office of the Assistant Administrator NOAA Fisheries)
- 9:30 Council Work Priorities** (Executive Director Paul Howard)
Revisit and possibly revise priorities based on decisions made at the Council's April meeting
- 10:00 Scallop Committee Report** (Dr. David Pierce)
Initiate Framework Adjustment 22 to the Sea Scallop FMP; the purpose is to set specifications for the 2011-2012 fishing years; because the scallop fishery is subject to requirements of the 2008 Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP Biological Opinion, this action also will include specific measures to minimize the impacts of scallop fishery interactions with sea turtles; the Council will review and approve research priorities for the 2011-2012 research set-aside program
- 12:45 p.m. Other Business**

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