

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 152nd meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 21–22, 2015. The Council will convene on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Divi Carina Beach Resort and Casino, 25 Estate Turner Hole, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI 00820.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918; telephone: (787) 766–5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will hold its 152nd regular Council Meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

**April 21, 2015, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

Consideration of 151st Council Meeting

Verbatim Transcriptions

Executive Director's Report

SSC National Workshop Report—Dr.

Richard Appeldoorn

SSC Meeting Report—Dr. Richard

Appeldoorn

Island-Based Fishery Management-

Species Selection Criteria

Development

- Outcomes from the March 2015 DAP and SSC Meetings

-input from each of the three DAPs

-input from SSC

- Review Proposed Options, Provide Guidance for Inclusion/Exclusion/Addition
- Discuss Options and Next Steps in Continuing the Development of this Initiative.

Update on Timing of Accountability

Measure-based Closures Action

- Outcomes from the March 2015 DAP Meetings—input from each of the three DAPs regarding the options for times to schedule closures for each of the alternatives laid out in the Options paper (islands/island groups and ACL groupings)
- Review Proposed Options, Provide Guidance for Inclusion/Exclusion/Addition

- Discuss Next Steps

Update on Puerto Rico Commercial

Landings 2011–13, and Comparison to Annual Catch Limits Permits Scoping Paper

- Report from USVI and Puerto Rico Regarding State Perspectives on

Permits

- Review Outcomes from March Scoping Meetings
- Discuss Options and Next Steps in Continuing the Development of this Initiative

Emergency Rule to Prohibit Sea

Cucumber and Sea Urchin Harvest

from U.S. Caribbean EEZ Waters

- Report on Availability of Pertinent Landings Data

- Status and Next Steps

Modifications to Accountability

Measure Guidance in FMPs

- Council Receives Update on Development of Plan Amendments

ABC Control Rule for Data-Poor Stocks

- Report from SSC

Abri/Bajo/Tourmaline consistency of regulations

- Consider Outcomes from February Public Meetings in Mayaguez and Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico

- Evaluate and Confirm, or Modify, Alternatives Including Preferred Alternatives.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** (5-minutes presentations)

**April 21, 2015, 5:15 p.m.–6 p.m.**

Administrative Matters

-Budget Update FY 2014/15

-SOPPs Approval for Submission to

NOAA Fisheries

-Closed Session:

-Membership of Island-Based District

Advisory Panels (DAPs) and

Consideration of Terms of

Reference for Winter 2015 DAP

Meetings

-SSC/OEAP Memberships

**April 22, 2015, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Report on Stock Assessment Results and

Plan Actions from the SEFSC's Stock

Assessment Programmatic Review

Update on Project Entitled: "Connecting

Fishers and Fisheries Data Using a

Cooperative Gear Development

Project to Improve Catch Reporting"—

Anthony Iarocci

Request by Puerto Rico West Coast

Fishers on Trammel Net Phase Out

Revision of ACLs for Puerto Rico—

Eugenio Piñeiro

Proposed Rule to Revise the National

Standard 1, 3, and 7 Guidelines

Continuing Research: Assessing Queen

Conch Home Range, Habitat and

Movement in the USVI—Jennifer

Doerr and Ron Hill

MERP Report

Outreach and Education Report—Dr.

Alida Ortíz

Enforcement Issues:

-Puerto Rico-DNER

-U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR

-U.S. Coast Guard

-NMFS/NOAA

Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** (5-minute presentations)

Other Business

Next Council Meeting

The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be subjects for formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918, telephone (787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 31, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648–XD875**

**New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC); Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a three-day meeting on April 21–23, 2015 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21 through Thursday, April 23, 2015, starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21, and 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355–1900. The telephone number is (860) 572–0731, and fax is (860) 572–0328. For online information see [www.hiltonmystic.com](http://www.hiltonmystic.com).

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2015**

The Council meeting will begin with introductions and a brief closed session during which the NEFMC will approve additional Scientific and Statistical Committee appointments for 2015–17. Brief reports will follow from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, the NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and NOAA Law Enforcement, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, U.S Coast Guard and the Northeast Regional Ocean Council.

NOAA General Counsel will then provide a presentation on the Magnuson-Stevens Act provisions on Council member financial disclosure and recusal requirements. During the Observer Committee's Report to follow the NEFMC will review and likely approve committee recommendations for additional industry-funded portside sampling and electronic monitoring options in the Atlantic herring fishery. The options are intended to be part of an omnibus amendment (vs. a framework adjustment) that would address industry-funded monitoring across all federally managed fisheries in the Northeast. A report from the Monkfish Committee report will include an update on the development of Framework Adjustment 9 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan

(FMP), as well as Monkfish Plan Development Team analyses on use of less than 10-inch mesh stand-up gillnets while on a monkfish day-at-sea, and allowing a vessel to switch from a monkfish day to a monkfish research set-aside day while at sea. Just prior to a lunch break the Council will provide an opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on items that are relevant to Council business but otherwise not listed on the published agenda.

Following the break, there will be a presentation on a Northeast Fisheries Science Center report titled *Performance of the Northeast Multispecies Groundfish Fishery, May 2013–April 2014*. Following receipt of this information, the Council is expected to approve the Draft Environmental Impact Statement associated with Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery FMP and identify preferred alternatives for the purpose of public review and comment. The amendment measures focus primarily on accumulation limits and the concentration of fishing effort in the inshore Gulf of Maine.

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**

The second day of the meeting will begin with a NOAA Fisheries presentation regarding possible changes to National Standards 1, 3, and 7 and Council discussion of these issues. The NEFMC's Scientific and Statistical Committee will review its discussions about the proposals to change the National Standards, as well as NOAA's Draft Climate Science Strategy. Later in the morning, and as part of the Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) Committee's report, the Council will receive an updated status report on Northeast Continental Shelf Marine Ecosystem, review committee recommendations on a process to develop an EBFM policy, and review committee comments on NOAA's Draft Climate Science Strategy. The Habitat Committee will report prior to a lunch break. It seeks approval of final management measures to be included in Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2. Pending NOAA Fisheries approval, measures could affect all New England Council FMPs. This agenda item will be the subject of discussion for the remainder of the working day.

**Thursday, April 23, 2015**

The Council will continue consideration of the habitat agenda items listed above during this final day of the meeting. The meeting will

adjourn after the consideration of any outstanding business.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: March 31, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Data Collection and Verification for the Marine Projected Areas Inventory.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0449.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular (request for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 67.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 29.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for a revision and extension of an approved data collection effort to provide ocean managers, users and other interested parties with accurate, objective and useful information about the location, purpose, management and human uses of marine protected areas in the coastal