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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Thursday, January 11, 2024*

The SSC Research Priorities subgroup will be reviewing research priorities to provide recommendations to the SSC at the February 2024 meeting. Research priorities submitted through the new online process that do not clearly fit with expertise available from other NPFMC plan teams will be reviewed. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3026> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Connection Information**

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3026>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3026>.

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**Alyssa Lynn Weigers,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XD603]

**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Herring Committee and Advisory Panel via webinar 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 webinar will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024, at 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4255528249751434588>.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The Herring Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to discuss Amendment 10 (to minimize user conflicts related to the Atlantic herring fishery): review work from the Herring Plan Development Team including a draft scoping document, draft schedule for public hearings, and compiling the past public record relevant to this action. This action will also consider river herring and shad management measures (*e.g.*, catch caps or time/area closures). They will also plan for the work ahead in Council Priorities for Herring for 2024 as well as make recommendations, as appropriate. Other business will be discussed if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject 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 the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, at (978)

465–0492, 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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**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; North Pacific Observer Program Standard Ex-Vessel Prices**

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

**ACTION:** Notification of standard ex-vessel prices.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes standard ex-vessel prices for groundfish and halibut for the calculation of the observer fee under the North Pacific Observer Program (Observer Program). This notice is intended to provide information to vessel owners, processors, registered buyers, and other Observer Program participants about the standard ex-vessel prices that will be used to calculate the observer fee for landings of groundfish and halibut made in 2024. NMFS will send invoices to processors and registered buyers subject to the fee by January 15, 2025. Fees are due to NMFS on or before February 15, 2025.

**DATES:** The standard prices are valid on January 1, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general questions about the observer fee and standard ex-vessel prices, contact Amy Hadfield at (907) 586–7376. For questions about the fee billing process, contact Charmaine Weeks at (907) 586–7231. Additional information about the Observer Program is available on NMFS Alaska Region’s website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/fisheries-observers/north-pacific-observer-program>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Regulations at 50 CFR part 679, subpart E, governing the Observer Program, require the deployment of NMFS-certified observers (observers) and electronic monitoring (EM) systems