

Management Committee projects; review and evaluate position paper for Amendment 13 to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan; discuss coordination and processing of joint plans (MAFMC and New England Fishery Management Council, MAFMC and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission); address Federal enforcement of summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational rules in light of possible differences in size, season, and bag limits between exclusive economic zone and state jurisdiction; review and discuss Framework 2 management measures regarding extension of *Illex* moratorium, *Loligo* exemption in *Illex* fishery, real time management of *Loligo* and rule roll-over for mackerel; review and approve Framework 1 measures regarding quota set-aside for Secretarial submission; Stock Assessment Workshop 32 public review workshop for sea scallops, American plaice, Gulf of Maine haddock, silver hake (whiting); horseshoe crab management update; Information and Education presentation on Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) data; review and approve Framework 2 management measures regarding conservation equivalency for Secretarial submission; hear organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report where the MAFMC may address possible actions on mahogany quahogs, groundfish, scallops, skates, herring, monkfish and dogfish; and address and recommend MAFMC position regarding joint venture processing allocation for mackerel.

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#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the MAFMC (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 18, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Committee and its Herring Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel (joint with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Herring Section Advisory Panel, in February, 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between Tuesday, February 6, 2001 and Tuesday, February 13, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA and Danvers, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978)465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Meeting Dates and Agendas

*Tuesday, February 6, 2001, 9:30 a.m.-*  
-Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will continue development of management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Committee will continue to refine the area management alternative.

It will also consider the recommendations of the Plan Development Team (PDT) with respect to minor adjustments to the status quo management measures, and will provide further advice to the PDT for developing those alternatives. The Committee will also further develop technical measures in the alternatives, such as developing a flexible closure system, days-at-sea counting and allocation alternatives, and other issues. The Committee intends to present these alternatives to the Council at the March 14-15, 2001 Council meeting.

*Tuesday, February 13, 2001, 9:30*

*a.m.-*Joint Herring Oversight Committee, Advisory Panel and ASMFC Meeting.

Location: Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

The agenda includes discussion of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) proposal for an Area 1A landings prohibition until June 1 of each fishing year, as well as possible modification of spawning area boundaries and the spawning tolerance provisions in the ASMFC Atlantic Herring management plan. The committee and panel will review the controlled access/limited entry goals and proposals from recent industry group meetings and develop recommendation to the Council for further action. There will also be a discussion of herring research priorities and possible funding sources.

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