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VIII. Classification

It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in E.O. 13132.

Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for notices relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010302G]

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 Research Steering Committee and Groundfish Oversight Committee in January, 2002, 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 on January 24 and January 25, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Colonial Hotel, One 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: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, January 24, 2002, 9:30 a.m.— Research Steering Committee Meeting.

The committee will review its roles and responsibilities. They will review experimental fishery permit correspondence. They will also discuss the development of a mechanism for project tracking and evaluation and incorporation into the management process. The agenda will include planning for the next Request For Proposals. Time permitting, the committee will review Dr. William Phoel's silver hake project report.

Friday, January 25, 2002, 9:30 a.m.— Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will resume its work on Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 13 will establish rebuilding programs for overfished stocks, and end overfishing for those stocks where it is occurring. The Committee will review the goals and objectives for the Amendment, and may revise them if necessary. In addition, the Committee will review the management measures under consideration and may select additional management alternatives for future consideration. The Committee will also plan its future work on the Amendment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010302A]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: A subcommittee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee (SPOC) will hold a meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2002, recess when business for the day is completed, then reconvene at 8 a.m. Thursday, January 31, 2002, and adjourn at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, Fishery Economics Staff Officer, telephone: 503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to continue development of a SPOC subcommittee report on options for controlling capacity in the open access fishery. The SPOC subcommittee will discuss catch and participation analyses of the open access fishery, potential qualification criteria for permitting, and other data and issues relevant to capacity reduction in the open access fishery.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the SPOC subcommittee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal SPOC subcommittee action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice requiring emergency action under