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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific & Statistical Committee 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 meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 beginning at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; phone: (617) 567-6789.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Committee will develop OFL (overfishing level) and ABC (acceptable

biological catch) recommendations for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing year

2017. They will also develop OFL and ABC recommendations for monkfish for fishing

years 2017-19 as well as develop OFL and ABC recommendations for Atlantic deep-sea

red crab for fishing years 2017-19. They will discuss other business as needed.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies,

Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: July 19, 2016.

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Office of Sustainable Fisheries,

National Marine Fisheries Service.

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