

**Revised Council Meeting Agenda | November 16-18, 2010**  
**Ocean Edge Resort, 2907 Main Street**  
**Brewster, MA 02631**  
**Telephone (508) 896-9000 | Fax (508) 896-9123**

**Please note - a spiny dogfish agenda item has been added to the last day of the meeting.**

**Tuesday, November 16, 2010**

- 8:30 a.m. Introductions and Announcements** (Council Chairman John Pappalardo)
- 8:35 Closed Session** (John Pappalardo)  
Council member opportunity to comment on the qualifications of nominees to the 2011-2013 Scientific and Statistical Committee
- 9:00 Reports on Recent Activities**  
Council Chairman, Executive Director, NMFS Regional Administrator, NOAA General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement/VMS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the RSC Chairman
- 10:45 Review Experimental Fishery Permit (EFP) Applications** (Council Deputy Director Chris Kellogg)  
Discuss Council comments on EFPs as appropriate
- 10:50 Open Period for Public Comments** (John Pappalardo)  
Opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on items relevant to Council business but not otherwise listed on the agenda
- 11:00 Approve 2011-2012 Council Management Priorities** (Executive Director Paul J. Howard)  
Discuss and finalize management priorities for the upcoming year
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:30 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report** (Dr. Steve Cadrin, SMAST)  
Review SSC discussions including the committee's 2011 calendar, its ABC recommendation for Gulf of Maine winter flounder, five-year Council research recommendations and the status of the Council's ABC control rules; the Council also will receive a comprehensive overview of the SSC's Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management policy paper
- 3:30 NMFS Briefing on Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning** (Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs)  
Update on NOAA activities to implement the National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, our Coasts, and Great Lakes and the Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)
- 4:30 Enforcement Committee Report** (Rodney Avila)  
Discuss the September 2010 committee recommendations concerning standard fixed-gear marking in the EEZ; further action on any proposals may follow after consultation with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and after a public process is undertaken to solicit further review and comment from stakeholders and interested parties

**Wednesday, November 17, 2010**

- 8:30 a.m. Scallop Committee Report** (David Pierce)
- ✓ Approve final action on Framework Adjustment 22 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP); the Council intends to identify fishery specifications for 2011 and 2012 fishing years and fishery allocations; other measures will comply with reasonable and prudent measures to reduce impacts on sea turtles; alternatives to change VMS requirements, potentially modify the in-shell scallop possession limit for general category vessels seaward of the VMS demarcation line and research priorities for the 2012 Research Set-Aside program also are scheduled for approval
  - ✓ Review updated projections of the yellowtail flounder bycatch in the scallop fishery for fishing year 2011 and 2012; if adjustments to the yellowtail flounder sub-annual catch limit allocations are necessary, they will be considered in Framework 45 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP

**12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**

**1:00 Scallop Agenda Items – continued**

**4:00 Skate Action** (Terry Stockwell)  
Consider management actions for the 2010 and 2011 fishing years based on a re-analysis of skate discards provided by the Skate Plan Development Team

**\*\*\*\* 7:00 p.m. Electronic Monitoring Outreach Meeting at the Ocean Edge Resort \*\*\*\***  
**Hosted by NMFS and Chaired by Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.**

**Thursday, November 18, 2010**

**8:30 a.m. Monkfish Committee Report** (Terry Stockwell)  
Initial meeting to consider Framework Adjustment 7 to the Monkfish FMP (final meeting scheduled for January 2011); the action will include revised biomass reference points, acceptable biological catch values and a Northern Fishery Management Area annual catch target (ACT), as well as the range of alternatives being considered for the Northern Area ACT including associated days-at-sea and trip limits; the committee report will summarize progress to develop Monkfish Amendment 6, which focuses on catch share management programs

**9:30 Groundfish Committee Report** (Frank Blount)  
Approve final action on Framework Adjustment 45 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP; the Council intends to adjust the scallop fishery sub-annual catch limits for Georges Bank and Southern New England yellowtail flounder as a result of the Scallop Framework 22 management measures; revise the status determination criteria and acceptable biological catches for pollock and Gulf of Maine winter flounder; and modify the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder rebuilding strategy as well as the ABC; other items include:

- ✓ U.S./Canada Area total allowable catches for fishing year 2011;
- ✓ Modifications to the dockside and at-sea monitoring provisions of the FMP; as well as
- ✓ Elimination of the Great South Channel yellowtail flounder spawning closures for the general category scallop dredge fishery;
- ✓ Protection for spawning cod by restricting commercial and recreational fishing in the Whaleback area off the New Hampshire coast; and
- ✓ The authorization of additional sectors

**12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**

**1:30 Groundfish Agenda Items – continued**  
The Council may address further development of an amendment to authorize state permit banks

**3:30 Spiny Dogfish Action** (Council staff)  
Approve spiny dogfish specifications, an annual quota and trip limits, for fishing year 2011-2012; the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council took action in October; NEFMC approval will complete the process for the jointly managed fishery

**4:30 Other Business**

*Times listed next to the agenda items are estimates and are subject to change.  
This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities.  
Council member financial disclosure forms are available for examination at the meeting.*

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 the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Documents pertaining to Council actions are available for review prior to a final vote by the Council. Please call (978) 465-0492 for copies or check the Council website at [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). Please note that if you are submitting comments for Council consideration at this meeting they **must be received by 12 p.m. EST on Thursday, November 11, 2010**. Notice Issue Date: October 29, 2010.