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**Council Meeting Agenda | November 20, 2013**  
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**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

- 8:30 a.m. Introductions and Announcements** (Chairman Terry Stockwell)
- 8:35 Reports on Recent Activities**  
Council Chairman and Executive Director, NOAA/NMFS Regional Administrator, NOAA General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons; representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Enforcement and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; and the recent meetings of NAFO and ICCAT Advisory Committee
- 10:00 Skates** (Peter Kendall)  
Initiate a framework adjustment to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to set fishery specifications for 2014-2015 and remove the unclassified wing landings code
- 10:15 Atlantic Herring** (Doug Grout)  
Reconsider a motion postponed from the 9/2013 Council meeting to ban midwater trawling based on recent concerns about haddock bycatch
- 11:45 Open Period for Public Comments** (Council Chairman)  
Opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on items relevant to Council business, but not listed on this agenda
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:00 ABC (Acceptable Biological Catch) Control Rule Working Group** (Mary Beth Tooley)  
Review and discuss a report and recommendations from the ABC Control Rule Working Group; specific recommendations may be further considered by the Council during its discussion of 2014 management priorities
- 1:30 Groundfish Amendment 18** (Frank Blount)  
Update on an amendment to the Northeast Multispecies FMP to include an overview of progress to develop measures to promote fleet diversity, enhance sector management, promote resilience and stability of fishing businesses, and prevent excessive shares in the fishery
- 3:00 2014 NEFMC Management Priorities** (Tom Nies, Executive Director)  
The priorities approved at this meeting will list the issues to be addressed by the Council in 2014
- 5:30 Other Business**

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this 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.

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