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Council Meeting Agenda
June 21-23, 2005
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Because of the amount of business to be covered at this meeting, Council discussions are likely to run into the evening hours. Please note the early start times and plan travel and lodging accordingly.

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

- 8:00 a.m. Introductions and Announcements** (Chairman Frank Blount)
- 8:05 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 and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission; in addition, the Council will receive a report on the Fleet Visioning Project
- 9:00 Draft NEFMC Conservation and Management Policy** (Paul Howard and Advisory Panel Chairs)
Briefing on meetings held to solicit comments from Council advisors on a policy to guide Council consideration of issues related to capacity, use of input/output controls and resource allocation issues; consider and possibly approve policy
- 10:30 Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee Report** (Tom Hill)
Review and approve committee recommendations concerning areas of interest or concern to the Council
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 Herring Committee Report** (Lewis Flagg)
Review and consider management alternatives to be included in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment 1 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP); consider and select preferred alternatives and approve the document for public hearings

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

- 8:00 a.m. Report on Safety Hearings** (Frank Blount)
Review issues identified at port meetings concerning safety at sea and consider follow up activities
- 9:00 Open Period for Public Comments** (Frank Blount)
Opportunity for brief comments from the public on items relevant to Council business, but not otherwise listed on the meeting agenda
- 9:15 Groundfish Committee Report** (David Pierce)
- 9:15 - Transboundary Management Guidance Committee report on preliminary discussions about an alternative to the current harvest strategy for haddock (George Lapointe)
 - 9:45 - Report on the most recent Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting to review an alternative model to assess groundfish stocks ("Butterworth model") (Dr. Patrick Sullivan)
 - 10:30 - Initial meeting on Framework Adjustment 42 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, the biennial adjustment; discussion will include selection of measures to be included in the proposed action and analyzed for further consideration by the Council at a final meeting
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**

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- 1:15** **Presentation on Invasive Colonial Tunicates** (Dr. Robert Reid, NOAA Fisheries and Dr. Page Valentine, U.S. Geological Survey)
Briefing on invasive colonial tunicates relative to Georges Bank and other locations
- 2:15** **Groundfish Committee Report** - *continued*
- 4:30** **Spiny Dogfish Committee Report** (Dana Rice)
Final action on proposed Framework Adjustment 1 to the Spiny Dogfish FMP; review and approve a multi-year specifications process
- 4:45** **Dogfish/Monkfish Action** (Frank Blount)
Council consideration and approval to give sole management authority for the Spiny Dogfish FMP to MAFMC and NEFMC sole authority for the Monkfish FMP

Thursday, June 23, 2005

- 8:00 a.m.** **Research Steering Committee Report** (David Goethel and John Williamson)
Review report on committee recommendations concerning several cooperative research project final reports
- 9:00** **Habitat/MPAs/Ecosystems Committee Report** (Sally McGee)
Review outcome of NEFMC Marine Protected Areas Education and Outreach Workshops as an initial step toward developing a Council policy for MPAs; update on activities associated with EFH Omnibus Amendment 2
- 10:00** **Scallop Committee Report** (Tom Hill)
Initial meeting on Framework Adjustment 18 to the Sea Scallop FMP (the biennial specifications for 2006 and 2007); report on the 2005 assessment updates and forecasts; consider emergency action to end scallop overfishing; review and approve comments on proposed sea turtle conservation measures
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00** **Scallop Committee Report** - *continued*
- 4:00** **Other Business**

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