

6. Conduct marketing, promotion and distribution of fresh tree fruits in Export Markets.

7. Conduct quality control studies and inspections of goods for export at point of shipment, point of arrival, and through the retail level in Export Markets.

8. Negotiate and enter into agreements, whether or not exclusive, with providers of Export Trade Facilitation Services for the export of Products.

9. Establish and operate fumigation facilities and administer phytosanitary protocols to qualify the Products for Export Markets.

10. Operate foreign offices and companies to facilitate the sale and distribution of fresh tree fruits in Export Markets.

11. Recover administrative expenses and costs through fees and assessments allocated to each Member on a *pro rata* share basis or any other non-discriminatory method. Any Member objecting to the method of allocating expenses and costs will be charged based on actual expenses incurred.

12. Products to be exported will be primarily supplied by the ETAA and Members, with instances of Products supplied from non-Member entities. For example: To fill export sales orders, contracts and spot sales, as required.

13. ETAA and Members may exchange and discuss information on the following:

(a) Information about sales and marketing efforts for the Export Markets, activities and opportunities for sales of fresh tree fruits in the Export Markets, selling strategies for the Export Markets, sales for the Export Markets, contract and spot pricing in the Export Markets, projected demands in Export Markets for fresh tree fruits, customary terms of sale in the Export Markets, prices and availability of fresh tree fruits from competitors for sale in the Export Markets, and specifications for fresh tree fruits by customers in the Export Markets;

(b) Information about the export price, quality, quantity, source, and delivery dates of fresh tree fruits available from the Members to export;

(c) Information about terms and conditions of contracts for sale in the Export Markets to be considered and/or bid on by ETAA and Members;

(d) Information about joint bidding or selling arrangements for the Export Markets and allocations of sales resulting from such arrangements among the Members;

(e) Information about expenses specific to exporting to and within the Export Markets, including without

limitation, transportation, trans- or intermodal shipments, insurance, inland freights to port, port storage, commissions, export sales, documentation, financing, customs duties and taxes;

(f) Information about United States and foreign legislation and regulations, including Federal marketing order programs that may affect sales for the Export Markets;

(g) Information about ETAA or Members' export operations, including without limitation, sales and distribution networks established by ETAA or Members in the Export Markets, and prior export sales by Members (including export price information);

(h) Exchange information with and among the Members as necessary to carry out the Export Trade Facilitation Services, Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation; and

(i) Information about export customer credit terms and credit history.

A copy of this certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: October 26, 2004.

Jeffrey Anspacher,

Director, Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement. Notice of public meetings in Austin, Port Aransas, and Rockport, Texas to conduct public scoping meetings on the proposed Texas National Estuarine Research Reserve System to solicit comments on significant issues related to the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP). The DEIS/DMP will address research, education and stewardship needs of the proposed reserve.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the State of Texas and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) intend to conduct public scoping meetings on November 16, 2004 in Austin, Texas and on November 17, 2004 in Port Aransas and Rockport, Texas as part of NOAA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP) process to solicit comments for preparation of a DEIS/DMP.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 10 am, Hearing Room E2.014 in the Capitol Extension, Texas State Capitol, 1400 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701. (A visitor parking garage is located at 12th Street and San Jacinto Boulevard.)

Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 9 am, Auditorium in Visitors Center, University of Texas Marine Science Institute, 750 Channel View Dr., Port Aransas, TX 78373. (Parking is available at Marine Science Institute Visitor Center.)

Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 4 pm, Saltwater Pavilion, 810 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport Beach Park, Rockport, TX 78383. (Parking is available at Rockport Beach Park.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The decision to be made by NOAA is whether or not to designate the proposed Texas reserve. University of Texas Marine Science Institute (UTMSI) and NOAA are working to determine what the boundaries of the reserve will be, how the reserve will be managed, and the policies of the proposed reserve. These decisions will be made through the analysis process and spelled out in the reserve management plan.

The Mission-Aransas Estuary constitutes a relatively intact and minimally disturbed area, and is an excellent representative of the Western Gulf of Mexico with a high diversity of habitat types. The proposed site also has unique geologic and hydrological features that will attract a broad range of research interests from multiple scientific disciplines. Beginning in 2001, the State of Texas undertook a site selection process to determine appropriate areas of the Texas coast that might be nominated for inclusion in the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) System. The extensive site selection process generated advice from public and private experts in estuarine science and input from the public.

In March of 2004 the State of Texas nominated the Mission-Aransas Estuary for consideration as the Texas NERR. In September of 2004 NOAA approved the

site nomination document for the proposed Texas reserve and began working with UTMSI to develop a management plan and environmental impact statement for the proposed reserve.

The Texas NERR is proposed to be administered by the UTMSI in cooperation with partner landholders including the Texas General Land Office, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Coastal Bend Land Trust, Fennessey Ranch, and The Nature Conservancy. UTMSI has developed an outline of a preliminary draft management plan. The outline specifies specific needs and priorities related to research, education and stewardship. At the public meetings, UTMSI and NOAA will provide a synopsis of the process for developing a DEIS/DMP and will solicit comments on significant environmental issues that will be incorporated into a DEIS.

Interested parties who wish to submit suggestions or comments regarding the scope or content of the proposed DEIS/DMP are invited to attend any of the above meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Montagna, University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute at (361) 749-6779 or paul@utmsi.utexas.edu, or Laurie McGilvray, Chief, Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3155 ext 158 or Laurie.McGilvray@noaa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will

hold a three-day Council meeting on November 16-18, 2004, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, November 16 at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 beginning at 9:45 a.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday, November 17 and 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 436-2121.

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, telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Executive Committee will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. to discuss the identification of terms of reference for the Council's new ad hoc Bycatch Committee. The Council will convene at 9:45 a.m. and following introductions, the Council's Scallop Committee will seek approval of initial action on Framework Adjustment 17 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP); a range of alternatives will be selected which would require some or all vessels with general category scallop permits to operate vessel monitoring system equipment. The Council will then receive an update on the Northeast Region Bycatch Plan by NMFS staff. The afternoon period will include a report on the "Strategy of Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico Fisheries" by NMFS staff. Following the report, the Council will consider and approve management actions for 2005, including a discussion of eliminating the process of joint fishery management plan development (for dogfish and monkfish). This discussion will be followed by a report by the Research Steering Committee seeking the Council's consideration and approval of committee recommendations for 2005 Council research priorities. The last item on the agenda will be a brief public comment period during which any member of the public may bring forward items relevant to Council business but not otherwise listed on the agenda for this meeting.

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

During the Wednesday morning session the Council will receive reports

from the Council Chairman and Executive Director, the NMFS Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. Following reports will be a presentation on Harvesting Cooperatives and Cooperative Management by Dr. Ralph Townsend. The Groundfish Committee will then ask for final approval on Framework Adjustment 40B to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. This will occur following the review and discussion of Groundfish Advisory Panel and Oversight Committee recommendations and selection of final measures. The Committee will then initiate a framework adjustment to reduce the expected haddock bycatch in all fisheries from the very large haddock 2003-year class.

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Herring Committee will review measures under consideration in Amendment 1 to the FMP and approve management alternatives for further analysis in the accompanying Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; management alternatives may include measures to establish a limited access program for some or all of the herring fishery, effort control measures, changes to the start of the herring fishing year and measures to establish a purse seine/fixed gear-only area in some or all of the inshore Gulf of Maine. Following this report will be the consideration and approval of New England Council recommendations for spiny dogfish fishery specifications for the 2005-06 fishing year. The Council meeting will adjourn after any other outstanding business is addressed.

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 that 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 Paul