



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 public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's is convening its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) 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 hybrid meeting will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

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

Webinar registration information:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/114112148113299549>. Call in information: +1 (631) 992-3221, Access Code: 957-827-573.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda:

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet to: review the information provided by the Council's Plan Development Teams, and stock assessment information where appropriate, and recommend the overfishing limits (OFL) and acceptable biological catches (ABC) for: two stocks of red hake, northern silver hake, and southern whiting (silver and offshore hakes combined) for fishing years (FY) 2024-2026 and Groundfish: Acadian redfish, Northern windowpane and Southern windowpane for FY 2024-2026. They will reconsider SSC recommendations for white hake OFL and ABC for FY 2024-2025 based on corrected catch data and PDT analyses. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the 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. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 6, 2023.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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