DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020602C]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Monkfish Oversight Committee and Scallop Oversight Committee in February and March, 2002 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on February 28, 2002 and March 4 and 5, 2002. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775–2311.

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; (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, February 28, 2002, 10 a.m.—Monkfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

The committee will finalize recommendations to the Council on goals and objectives for Amendment 2 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for approval in March. The committee will also begin to outline alternative management strategies to achieve those goals and objectives.

Monday, March 4, 2002, 10 a.m. and Tuesday, March 5, 2002, 9:30 a.m.—Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting.

The Oversight Committee will continue development of management alternatives for Draft Amendment 10 to the Sea Scallop FMP. The committee will evaluate habitat and bycatch technical advice from the joint meeting of the Habitat Technical Team, the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) and the Scallop PDT. Recommendations will be developed for draft alternatives in Scallop FMP Amendment 10 to minimize, to the extent practicable, bycatch and habitat impacts from scallop fishing. Other issues and measures associated with Amendment 10 may also be developed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.


Matteo Milazzo,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Disposal of Paper Copies of U.S. Patents Removed From the Examiners’ Search Rooms

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is considering whether the paper copies of selected subclasses of U.S. patents to be removed from the examiners’ search rooms should be disposed of as wastepaper or donated to a non-profit organization. The USPTO is seeking input on whether any non-profit organization is interested in acquiring the paper copies of U.S. patents to be removed from the examiners’ search rooms.

DATES: Any interested non-profit organization should contact the USPTO on or before March 14, 2002 to indicate a desire to acquire paper copies of U.S. patents. If such interest is expressed, and the USPTO proceeds with donating the paper copies of U.S. patents removed from the examiners’ search rooms to a non-profit organization, interested non-profit organizations will then be required to contact the USPTO within thirty days of the date the USPTO’s web site is updated to include the subclasses in which the organization is interested.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any interested non-profit organization should contact Richard Seidel by facsimile marked “ATTN EXAMINERS SEARCH ROOMS” at (703) 306–7725. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Richard Seidel by telephone at (703) 306–3431.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USPTO is in the process of removing paper copies of selected subclasses of U.S. patents from the examiners’ search rooms. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has determined that paper copies of U.S. patents in the examiners’ search rooms are temporary records that may be destroyed when no longer needed for current USPTO business. Some of the paper copies have already been destroyed. The USPTO is considering whether it should: (1) Dispose of the paper copies of the selected subclasses of U.S. patents removed from the examiners’ search rooms as wastepaper; or (2) donate the paper copies of the selected subclasses of U.S. patents removed from the examiners’ search rooms to a non-profit organization. Therefore, the USPTO is seeking input on whether any non-profit organization is interested in acquiring the paper copies of U.S. patents to be removed from the examiners’ search rooms (the USPTO is not currently aware of any).

Any donation of paper copies of U.S. patents must comply with the NARA regulations for the donation of temporary records which are set out in 36 CFR 1228.60. For example, the donee must be a non-profit organization and must agree not to sell the U.S. patent copies except as wastepaper, the donation must be made without cost to the United States Government, and NARA must provide written approval of the donation. Thus, even if there is interest by a non-profit organization in acquiring the paper copies of U.S. patents removed from the examiners’ search rooms, the USPTO will still dispose of them as wastepaper if the USPTO cannot donate them to the non-
profit organization in a cost-effective manner or if the USPTO cannot obtain written approval for the donation by NARA in a timely manner.

Since the USPTO is removing the paper copies of U.S. patents from the examiners’ search rooms on a subclass-by-subclass basis, the USPTO is not in a position to accommodate a request by a non-profit organization for a complete set of all U.S. patents or even all U.S. patents in any particular class. The USPTO is only seeking non-profit organizations interested in the selected subclasses for which the paper copies of U.S. patents are being removed from the examiners’ search rooms. In addition, the USPTO will not be conducting a file integrity review of the paper copies of the U.S. patents in a subclass as they are being removed from the examiners’ search rooms, the USPTO cannot assure that the paper copies of U.S. patents available for donation are a complete set of U.S. patents even as to the selected subclasses.

If the USPTO proceeds with donating the paper copies of U.S. patents removed from the examiners’ search rooms to a non-profit organization, the USPTO will provide a list of the subclasses for which the paper copies of U.S. patents are being removed from the examiners’ search rooms on the USPTO’s Internet web site (www.uspto.gov). The USPTO will update this list when additional subclasses are removed from the examiners’ search rooms.

The USPTO published a notice seeking public input on a proposal to eliminate patent and trademark classified paper files from the public search room. See Notice of Request for Comments on Development of a Plan to Remove the Patent and Trademark Classified Paper Files from the Public Search Room, 66 FR 45012 (Aug. 27, 2001), 1250 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 137 (Sept. 25, 2001). This notice concerns a plan to dispose of paper copies of selected subclasses of U.S. patents removed from the examiners’ search rooms and is not related to the development of a plan to eliminate patent and trademark classified paper files from the public search room.


James E. Rogan,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and, Director of the Patent and Trademark Office.

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 21 February 2002 at 10 a.m. in the Commission’s offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001–2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas are available to the public one week prior to the meeting. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202–504–2200.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.


Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People’s Republic of China and Amendment of Export Visa and Certification Requirements for Textiles and Textile Products Integrated into GATT 1994 in the First, Second and Third Stage; Correction

February 6, 2002.

In the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2001 (66 FR 67229), on page 67230, 1st column, in the table listing import restraint limits, Category 239pt. was inadvertently omitted from the list of categories covered under Group I. The corresponding footnote, reading “Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers),” was also inadvertently omitted from the list of footnotes on page 67230, 3rd column. A letter has been sent to the Commissioner of Customs to add this category to the categories listed under Group I and to add the corresponding footnote to the list of footnotes.

D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to amend and delete systems of records.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force is deleting six notices and amending one system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action would be effective without further notice on March 14, 2002 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Anne Rollins at (703) 601–4043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the Federal Register and are available from the address above.

The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety. The proposed amendments are not within the purview of subsection (g) of the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which requires the submission of a new or altered system report.

Dated: February 6, 2002.

L.M. Bynum,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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