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Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, See 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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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: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has scheduled a 1-day meeting to take action on the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

DATES: The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Colonial Hotel, 427 Walnut Street, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone (781) 245-9300. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management

Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone (781) 231-0422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council intends to discuss and approve the FMP, which has been prepared jointly with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

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 J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 1, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery, Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery, and Atlantic Salmon Fishery; Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendments

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

ACTION: Amendment to a notice of availability of an omnibus amendment to FMPs; request for comments.

SUMMARY: On December 1, 1998, NMFS published a notice of availability (NOA) of an omnibus amendment that included Amendment 11 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, Amendment 9 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP, and Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Salmon FMP. The NOA

described the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) measures contained in the omnibus amendment. In addition to the EFH measures, Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Salmon FMP includes a discussion of an overfishing definition and an aquaculture framework adjustment process for Atlantic salmon. This notice informs the public that these additional measures are under review by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and invites public comment.

DATES: Public comments must be received on or before February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this amendment should be sent to Jon C. Rittgers, Acting Regional Administrator, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. Please mark the outside of the envelope: "Comments on Essential Fish Habitat Amendment."

Copies of the amendment and the environmental assessment are available from Paul Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan M. Kurland, Assistant Habitat Program Coordinator, 978-281-9204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 1, 1998, NMFS published a notification in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 66110) announcing that the New England Fishery Management Council submitted for review and approval by the Secretary an omnibus amendment containing EFH provisions that would implement the requirements of section 303(a)(7) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The omnibus amendment describes and identifies EFH for specified fisheries, discusses measures to address the effects of fishing on EFH, and identifies other actions for the conservation and enhancement of EFH. The amendment includes no new fishery management measures, so no regulations are proposed.

In addition to EFH information, Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Salmon FMP also contains information related to the overfishing definition for Atlantic salmon and an aquaculture framework adjustment process for the Atlantic Salmon FMP. Because the December 1, 1998 notice did not specifically indicate that these measures were included in Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Salmon FMP, this notice informs the public that these additional measures are under Secretarial review for approval, disapproval, or partial approval, and invites public comment. To be considered, comments must be received by February 1, 1999.

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

Dated: December 2, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

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Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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