

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XE50

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 and conclude no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2008.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: (813) 289-8200.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At this meeting, the AP will consider developing goals and objectives for management of the recreational red snapper fishery, will continue to evaluate and recommend innovative management strategies for the private and for-hire recreational red snapper fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico, and will continue to evaluate and recommend innovative approaches to minimizing bycatch and bycatch mortality in the private and for-hire recreational red snapper fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico. The AP will focus on specific issues within recreational red snapper fishery management including data collection, education and enforcement, artificial reefs and marine reserves, bycatch reduction, and limited access privilege programs such as individual fishing quotas (IFQ) and angling management organizations (AMO).

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

issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting 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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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) will meet in Seattle, WA at the Nexus Hotel (January 6) and the Alaska Fishery Science Center (January 7 and 8).

DATES: The meetings will be held on January 6, 7, 8, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hotel Nexus, 2140 N Northgate Way, Seattle, WA and the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg 4, Room 2076, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wilson, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSLMC will review the action from the November 2007 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting and discuss the schedule for SSSLMC work in 2008. The SSLMC will review goal and objective statements for proposals, and discuss the databases that have been assembled.

Additional data needs will be identified. The SSLMC will begin proposal analysis, prioritization, and trade offs.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public telephone conference meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team Klamath Subcommittee (STTKS) will hold a work session by telephone conference with members of the Yurok and Hoopa Tribes and additional agency personnel from the NMFS, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Game to continue review and development of an overfishing assessment for Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC). This meeting of the STTKS is open to the public.

DATES: The telephone conference will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, January 9, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: A listening station for the public will be available at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, Small Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to further develop a report to assess the cause of KRFC failing to meet the 35,000 adult

natural spawner conservation objective, and the implication to the long-term productivity of the stock not meeting that objective, for three consecutive years.

When a salmon stock managed by the Council fails to meet its conservation objective for three consecutive years, an overfishing concern is triggered according to the terms of the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan (Salmon Plan). The Salmon Plan requires the Council to direct its Salmon Technical Team to work with relevant agency and tribal personnel to undertake a review of the status of the stock in question and determine if excessive harvest was responsible for the shortfall, if other factors were involved, and the significance of the stock depression with regard to achieving maximum sustainable yield.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STTKS for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public scoping meeting regarding Amendment 7 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic Region. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The public scoping meeting will be held January 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport, 5265 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (877) 782-9444 or (843) 308-9330; fax: (843) 308-9331. Written comments must be received in the Council office by 5 p.m. on January 18, 2008.

Written comments should be sent to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405, or via email to: ShrimpAm7scoping@safmc.net. Copies of the Shrimp Amendment 7 Scoping Document are available at the Council's web site at www.safmc.net or from Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email address: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is considering modifying the entry requirements for the rock shrimp limited access program. Currently, rock shrimp fishermen are required to have a commercial vessel permit for rock shrimp, and those fishermen who fish off the east coast of Florida and Georgia are required to have a limited access endorsement. Vessels with the limited access endorsements are required to show documented landings of at least 15,000 pounds of rock shrimp from the South Atlantic Council's area of jurisdiction in one out of four calendar years to retain the endorsement. The initial four-year period began in 2004 and will end December 31, 2007. The Council is also considering a requirement for all commercial shrimp vessel permit holders in the South Atlantic to provide economic data if selected.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the

Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by January 14, 2008.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Caribbean Fishery Management Council and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Councils (Councils) will hold a public scoping meeting regarding amending the spiny lobster fishery management plan to address the importation of spiny lobster products that do not meet U.S. conservation standards. The amendment will examine various alternatives to restrict imports of spiny lobster into the United States to a minimum acceptable length and/or weight. Spiny Lobsters are currently being imported below the U.S. minimum size limits. Much of the imported lobster does not meet the minimum size limits in the country of origin. This is adversely impacting recruitment throughout Florida and the Caribbean and, as a result, the status of spiny lobster in Caribbean and U.S. waters because of the distribution and dispersal of larvae.

DATES: The public scoping meeting will be held January 24, 2008, beginning at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Islander Hotel, 82100 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL 33036; telephone: (800) 753-6002 or (305) 664-2031. Written comments must be received in the South Atlantic Council's office by 5 p.m. on January 28, 2008.

Written comments should be sent to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405, or via email to: SpLobScoping@safmc.net. Copies of the Scoping Document are available from