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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

In 2014, NOAA issued a final rule establishing the sanctuary nomination process (SNP), which details how communities may submit nominations to NOAA for consideration of national marine sanctuary designation (79 FR 33851). NOAA moves successful nominations to an inventory of areas that could be considered for national marine sanctuary designation. The final rule establishing the SNP included a five-year limit on any nomination added to the inventory that NOAA does not advance for designation.

In November 2019, NOAA issued a notice (84 FR 61546) to clarify procedures for evaluating and updating a nomination as it approaches the five-year mark on the inventory of areas that could be considered for national marine sanctuary designation. The nomination for Lake Erie Quadrangle NMS was accepted to the national inventory on February 22, 2016, and is therefore scheduled to expire on February 22, 2021. The full nomination can be found at <https://nominate.noaa.gov/nominations/>.

NOAA is not proposing to designate the Lake Erie Quadrangle NMS or any other new national marine sanctuary with this action. Instead, NOAA is seeking public comment on ONMS' five year review of the nomination for the Lake Erie Quadrangle NMS. Accordingly, written comments submitted as part of this request should not focus on whether NOAA should initiate the designation process for the Lake Erie Quadrangle. Rather, comments should address the relevance of the nomination towards NOAA's evaluation criteria and any new information NOAA should consider about the nominated area. Comments that do not pertain to the evaluation criteria, or present new information on the Lake Erie Quadrangle NMS nomination, will not be considered as part of this five year review.

Whether removing or maintaining the nomination for Lake Erie Quadrangle NMS, NOAA would follow the same procedure for notifying the public as was followed when the nomination was submitted, including a letter to the nominator, a notice in the **Federal Register**, and posting information on "nominate.noaa.gov".

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

John Armor,

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA794]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a series of scoping meetings via webinar pertaining to Amendment 50 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. The amendment addresses catch levels, rebuilding plan, sector allocations, accountability measures, and management measures for red porgy.

DATES: The scoping meetings will be held via webinar on February 3 and 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: *Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The scoping meetings will be conducted via webinar and accessible via the internet from the Council's website at <https://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/public-hearings-scoping-meetings/>. The scoping meetings will begin at 6 p.m. Registration for the webinars is required. Registration information, a copy of the scoping materials, an online public comment form and any additional information as needed will be posted on the Council's website at <https://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/public-hearings-scoping-meetings/> as it becomes available. Public comments must be received by 5 p.m. on February 5, 2021.

Amendment 50 to the Snapper Grouper FMP

The Council must adjust catch levels for red porgy in response to the most recent stock assessment for the species in the region (SEDAR 60 2020). The stock assessment results indicated the stock continues to be overfished and is undergoing overfishing. Consequently, catch levels must be adjusted based on the acceptable biological catch recommended by the South Atlantic Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the rebuilding schedule must be revised. In addition, the Council is considering modifications to sector allocations, accountability measures, and commercial and recreational management measures to end overfishing and rebuild the red porgy stock.

During the scoping meetings, Council staff will present an overview of the amendment and will be available for informal discussions and to answer questions via webinar. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record to provide their comments for consideration by the Council.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: January 7, 2021.

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Acting Deputy 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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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of a permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to the following entity under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review