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James R. Walpole,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No.: 050121013-5013-01]

External Review of NOAA's Ecosystem Research and Science Enterprise

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for members of a NOAA ecosystem research and science enterprise review panel.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere has requested the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) to conduct an external review of NOAA's ecosystem research and science enterprise. The SAB is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction. The SAB is forming an external panel to review and draft recommendations on the appropriateness of the mix of scientific activities conducted and/or sponsored by NOAA to its mission and on the organization of NOAA's ecosystem research and science enterprise.

Nominations to the panel are being solicited herein. The intent is to select from the nominees. However, the SAB retains the prerogative to name people to the review team that were not nominated if it deems it necessary to achieve the desired balance. Once selected, the SAB will post the review panel, with abridged resumes, at: <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Doc/Documents.html>.

DATES: Nominations should be sent to the address specified and must be received by February 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted electronically to Dr. Michael Uhart (Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov) or mailed to Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, SAB, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart: (301) 713-9121, ext. 159.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Panel members shall not be employed or currently funded by NOAA. Nominations should describe the nominee's contact information and qualifications relative to the criteria given below, or include a resume. Anyone is eligible to nominate and self-nominations will be accepted. The external review team will have at least seven members with a variety of backgrounds (recognizing it will not be practical to have all backgrounds represented), with respect to:

1. Scientific disciplines of physical sciences, biological sciences (including fisheries science), and social sciences;
2. Experience in academia, within mission-oriented government agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, and the private sector;
3. Familiarity with NOAA's mandates; and
4. Being a science provider to key generic groups of stakeholders, science interpreter to groups of stakeholders, science user, or stakeholder with a history of interaction with science providers.

The reviewers should have the following qualifications:

1. National and international recognition within their profession;
2. Knowledge of the scientific information needs to support NOAA's ecosystem stewardship missions, coupled with broad familiarity with NOAA's total mission;
3. Knowledge of, and experience with, the organization and management of complex mission-oriented scientific programs; and
4. No perceived or actual vested interest or conflict of interest that might undermine the credibility of the review.

It is of note that, except for qualification criteria 4, the criteria are not absolute requirements. The qualifications of individuals are expected to be outstanding enough with respect to one or more, but not necessarily all, of the criteria. Because of the limited size of the review panel, management organization expertise must include expertise on ecosystem science or the very special features of

science applied to government decision-making.

The purpose of the review is to answer the following questions: (1) Is the mix of scientific activities conducted and/or sponsored by NOAA appropriate for its mission needs and (2) how should NOAA organize its ecosystem research and science enterprise? The framework for the review, including additional background, is posted at: <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Doc/Documents.html>.

The review will be conducted and the final report presented to the SAB by November 2005. The review will involve up to three site visits, approximately five meetings and the drafting of the report of the panel's review.

Dated: January 21, 2005.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeastern Data, Assessment, and Review Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of the Southeastern Data, Assessment, and Review Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper (SEDAR) Review Workshop for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR process for the Gulf of Mexico red snapper consists of a series of three workshops: a data workshop, an assessment workshop, and a review workshop. The data and assessment workshops are completed. This document announces the schedule for the review workshop.

DATES: The review workshop will be held on April 4-7, 2005. The workshop may adjourn on or before April 7, 2005, at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Workshop address: The review workshop will be held at the Country Inn and Suites, 315 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; phone: (504)324-5400.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC), 3018 North U.S. Highway 301, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

GMFMC e-mail address:
gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Atran or Mr. Stu Kennedy, 813-228-2815 or 888-833-1844.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Data and Assessment Workshops

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR includes three workshops: (1) data workshop, (2) assessment workshop, and (3) review workshop. The product of the data workshop and the assessment workshop is a stock assessment report, which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment report is independently peer reviewed at the review workshop.

Review Workshop

The review workshop is an independent peer review of the assessment developed during the data and assessment workshops. Workshop panelists will review the assessment and produce a SEDAR Consensus Summary Report to document their consensus opinions and comments.

The products of the review workshop are a Consensus Summary Report, which reports Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data, and an Advisory Report, which summarizes the status of the stock. Participants for SEDAR workshops are appointed by the Regional Fishery Management Councils. Participants include data collectors, database managers, stock assessment scientists, biologists, fisheries researchers, fishermen, environmentalists, Council members, International experts, and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Gulf of Mexico

Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five business days prior to each workshop.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012405A]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. There will be a closed session on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. which is closed to all except GMT members, their designees, and others designated by the chair to discuss personnel matters. The GMT meeting will reconvene Wednesday, February 16 through Friday, February 18, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GMT meeting will be held at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Portland Downtown—Riverplace, Fremont Room, 2115 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR 97201. Telephone: 503-552-9500.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT meeting is to plan the GMT's annual schedule and strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2005 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2005. Additionally, the GMT will discuss groundfish management measures in place for the winter and spring months, respond to assignments relating to

implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan, discuss a new Pacific whiting stock assessment and develop recommended management measures for the 2005 whiting fishery, discuss implementation strategies for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 18, develop new data management tools, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. The GMT's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Sacramento, California.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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.

Dated: January 24, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Pelagics Plan Team; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) to discuss overfishing of Pacific bigeye tuna and to develop recommendations for future