

sea bass, red porgy and gag. The Council will also receive a status report of Snapper Grouper Amendment 16, Protected Species Issues, VMS Compliance report from Law Enforcement, and review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary.

From 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., the Council will receive status reports from NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center on the Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans, a progress report on aging red and black grouper, 2007 and 2008 headboat data entry, and the status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate of the following species: Atlantic king mackerel and Spanish mackerel, black sea bass, golden tilefish, snowy grouper, red porgy, greater amberjack, dolphin, wahoo, vermilion snapper, gag, red snapper, mutton snapper, and yellowtail snapper.

From 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., the Council will receive agency and liaison reports, discuss other business and upcoming meetings.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal final Council action during these meetings. Council 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.

Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment, the times and sequence specified on this agenda are subject to change.

#### 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 Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 4, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XP25**

#### 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 meeting of the Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009 and conclude by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton, 2225 N. Lois Ave., Tampa, FL 33607, (813) 877-6688.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Carrie Simmons, Fishery Biologist; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AP will meet jointly with the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on the first day of the meeting. The AP and SSC will receive a brief orientation for new members and will hear presentations on update assessments for gag and red grouper. The last full benchmark assessments for these stocks were completed in 2007 (SEDAR 10 for gag and SEDAR 12 for red grouper). The AP and SSC will also hear a presentation on the issues and preferred alternatives in Reef Fish Amendment 31 that address bycatch of sea turtles in the bottom longline reef fish fishery.

Following the presentations, the AP and SSC will reconvene separately. The AP will discuss the gag and red grouper update assessments, and provide comments and recommendations concerning the assessments. The AP will discuss and provide comments and recommendations on Amendment 31. The AP will also elect a new Chair and Vice-chair. The comments and recommendations of the AP will be presented to the Council at its June 15-18, 2009 meeting in Tampa, FL.

Copies of the agendas and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XP30**

#### 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 public meetings of its Monkfish Advisory Panel and its Monkfish Committee, on June 2, 2009 and June 3, 2009, 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:** This Advisory Panel meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 9 a.m. and the Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street,