

DATES: The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 and conclude no later than 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the JW Marriott Houston, 5150 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel along with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee to consider the status of recently completed amendments and other regulatory actions as well as the schedule for completion of ongoing actions. The two groups will also discuss and potentially make recommendations with regard to Joint Enforcement Agreements. A review and possible recommendations with regard to a recently published Proposed Rule to potentially reduce bycatch of bluefin tuna in the Gulf of Mexico will also be conducted. Finally, the two panels will review and discuss a proposal to potentially modify requirements for crew size on vessels that have both commercial and for-hire permits.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf States, as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the U.S. Coast Guard, and the NOAA General Counsel for Law Enforcement. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel 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 of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 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 Kathy Pereira at the Council (*see*

ADDRESSES) 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: February 22, 2011.

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

RIN 0648-XA247

Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held on March 15-16, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel at Gallery Plaza (former Pierre Hotel), De Diego Avenue, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920; *telephone:* (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

- Call to order.
 - Queen Conch.
 - Update on status of queen conch in the USVI and PR.
 - ACL 2011 Amendment.
 - Presentation/review of requirements to establish ACLs for species, which are not overfished or undergoing overfishing (ACL II) and species/species groups under consideration.
- Species that need ACLs in 2011:
1. Reef Fish FMP.
 2. Coral FMP.
 3. Spiny Lobster FMP.
 4. Queen Conch FMP.
- Issues:
 1. Reporting.
 2. unclassified (reef fish and queen conch).

3. list of species not included in Options Paper but included in FMPs.

4. Proposed ACLs with accompanying data.

5. Ornamental Species.

- Discussion and recommendations by SSC.

1. Species/species unit recommendations based on data, species life history, etc.

2. Indicator species recommendations for units with more than one species.

3. ACL recommendations.

- Update on Aquarium Trade.
- Review D. Olsen letter—MRAG study versus catch intercepts reporting—Validation of catch data. Discussion regarding data gathering regarding Virgin Islands commercial fishery.

- Update of St. Croix Independent Fishery Trap Survey.

- Update on status of data from PR and USVI, including issues that need to be addressed to obtain more timely data.

- Status of the implementation of MRIP in PR and plans for implementation in USVI.

- Review of specific research directed to ACLs and recommendations by SSC of type of research that should be given priority to provide information for establishing ACLs.

Essential Fish Habitat

EFH 5-year-revision document.

Discussion and Final recommendation to the CFMC SEDAR 26: Silk and queen snapper, red tail parrotfish.

Commitment to the workshops and time (Data-Assessment-Review) Other Business.

The SSC will convene on March 15, 2011, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and will reconvene on March 16, 2011, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English.

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

Special Accommodations

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interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1920, telephone: (787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 22, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Nominations for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, is seeking nominations for the advisory committee established under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (Act). The advisory committee, to be composed of individuals from groups concerned with the fisheries covered by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention (Convention), will be given the opportunity to provide input to the United States Commissioners to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (Commission) regarding the deliberations and decisions of the Commission.

DATES: Nominations must be received no later than April 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be directed to Michael Tosatto, Acting Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, and may be submitted by any of the following means:

- *E-mail:* pir.wcpfc@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following document identifier: “Advisory committee nominations”. E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes.

- *Mail or hand delivery:* 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.

- *Facsimile:* 808–973–2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Oriana Villar, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; *telephone:* 808–944–2256; *facsimile:* 808–973–2941; *e-mail:* Oriana.Villar@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Convention and the Commission

The objective of the Convention is to ensure, through effective management, the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (UNCLOS) and the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the UNCLOS Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. The Convention establishes the Commission, the secretariat of which is based in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

The Convention applies to all highly migratory fish stocks (defined as all fish stocks of the species listed in Annex I of the UNCLOS occurring in the Convention Area, and such other species of fish as the Commission may determine), except sauries.

The United States played a very active role in supporting the negotiations and the development of the Convention and signed the Convention when it was opened for signature in 2000. It participated as a cooperating non-member of the Commission since it became operational in 2005. The United States became a Contracting Party to the Convention and a full member of the Commission when it ratified the Convention in January 2007. Under the Act, the United States will be represented on the Commission by five United States Commissioners, appointed by the President.

Advisory Committee

The Act (16 U.S.C. 6902) provides (in section 6902(d)) that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the United States Commissioners to the Commission, will appoint certain members of the advisory committee established under the Act.

The members to be appointed to the advisory committee are to include not less than 15 nor more than 20 individuals selected from the various groups concerned with the fisheries covered by the Convention, providing, to the extent practicable, an equitable balance among such groups. On behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, NMFS is now seeking nominations for these appointments.

In addition to the 15–20 appointed members, the advisory committee also includes the chair of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council’s Advisory Committee (or designee), and officials of the fisheries management authorities of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands (or their designees).

Members of the advisory committee will be invited to attend all non-executive meetings of the United States Commissioners to the Commission and at such meetings will be given opportunity to examine and be heard on all proposed programs of investigation, reports, recommendations, and regulations of the Commission.

Each appointed member of the advisory committee will serve for a term of two years and is eligible for reappointment.

The Secretaries of Commerce and State will furnish the advisory committee with relevant information concerning fisheries and international fishery agreements.

NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, will provide to the advisory committee administrative and technical support services as are necessary for its effective functioning.

Appointed members of the advisory committee will serve without pay, but while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the advisory committee will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. They will not be considered Federal employees while performing service as members of the advisory committee except for the purposes of injury compensation or tort claims liability as provided in chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code and Chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code.

Procedure for Submitting Nominations

Nominations for the advisory committee should be submitted to NMFS (*see ADDRESSES*). Self nominations are acceptable. Nominations should include the following information: (1) Full name, address, telephone, facsimile, and e-mail of nominee; (2) nominee’s organization(s) or professional affiliation(s) serving as the basis for the nomination, if any; and (3) a background statement, not to exceed one page in length, describing the nominee’s qualifications, experience and interests, specifically as related to the fisheries covered by the Convention.