

1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, (Visitor parking available.)

Interested persons are welcome to submit suggestions or comments on the scope or content of the proposed EIS by attending any of the above meetings or provide written comments to the designated official below. Written comments will be accepted until February 25, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WCZMP was the first in the nation to receive federal approval under the CZMA in 1976. The basis for the WCZMP participation in the federal coastal zone management program was the implementation of the Washington Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA). The SMA set in motion the designation of shorelines of statewide significance, policy objectives and guidelines with respect to managing shoreline uses, a process for local governments to develop Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs) that would meet the objectives of the Act, and a management process to include the Shorelines Hearing Board that would serve as an administrative appeals body. From 1976 to the present, the WCZMP has received federal CZMA funds to supplement their state funds to implement the WCZMP.

In 1995, the Washington State Legislature directed the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to periodically review and adopt guidelines consistent with SMA policies and to integrate shorelines with the provisions of the Growth Management Act critical areas ordinances. Ecology has spent the better part of 6 years developing revised guidance for updating SMPs. The new guidelines recognize advancements in science regarding shoreline ecological processes, changes in laws, changes in the character of shoreline development and innovations in shorelines and growth management practices. More information can be found on the Washington Department of Ecology Web Site at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/SMA/index.html>.

OCRM has been requested by the State of Washington to incorporate the revised SMP Guidelines Rule into the federally approved WCZMP. OCRM has determined that this is a major federal action and will therefore develop an environmental impact statement to identify what environmental consequences may be associated with this proposed action. The State of WA adopted the revised SMP Guidelines Rule in December 2003. OCRM's consideration of Washington's proposed amendment to its already approved Federal coastal zone management

program does not affect state law or regulations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Comments and questions should be made to: Masi Okasaki, Assistant Regional Manager, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155 extension 185, e-mail [wa.guidelines.noaa.gov](mailto:wa.guidelines.noaa.gov).

Dated: December 28, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster Data Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice of data workshop for Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Florida, along with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC), will hold a data workshop, the first in a series of three workshops, to evaluate the stock status of the spiny lobster.

**DATES:** The data workshop will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, and conclude no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The data workshop will be held at the Florida State Regional Service Center, 2796 Overseas Highway, Suite 104, Marathon, FL.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stu Kennedy, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A data workshop will be held to generate an assessment data set on the Gulf of Mexico/South Atlantic Spiny Lobster. The assessment data set will include catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, fishery descriptions, biological sampling intensity, fishery dependent and fishery independent monitoring results and life history characteristics. Workshop participants will draft preliminary Assessment Report sections. 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.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by January 7, 2005.

Dated: December 30, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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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 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Information Policy