

## 2. Impact of Guidance Groups

In its role in administering and supporting the Guidance Groups, NIST's aim is to improve discipline practices by advancing forensic science standards and techniques through a collaborative consensus building process with Federal, state and local community partners. NIST thus seeks comments about the ways in which the structure, function and operation would best support the Guidance Groups by being a catalyst for such improvements.

- Given that the Guidance Groups cannot mandate the adoption of standards, what can they do to best leverage their position and encourage adoption? To what extent does membership and transparency impact possible adoption of guidance at the state and local level?
- Are there best practices or models to consider with regard to a structure that would encourage effective communication with the scientific community to explore research gaps and aid in recognizing research priorities?
- How should NIST researchers engage with the Guidance Groups in support of the goal to strengthen the nation's use of forensic science by supporting the development and propagation of forensic science consensus documentary standards, identifying needs of forensic science research and measurement standards, and verifying the scientific basis exists for each discipline?

## 3. Representation in the Guidance Groups

Given the diverse, multi-sector set of stakeholders in forensic science, representation in Guidance Groups must be carefully balanced and inclusive.

- Who are the stakeholders who should be represented on the Guidance Groups? What steps can NIST take to ensure appropriately broad representation within the Guidance Groups? What does balanced representation mean and how can it be achieved?
- What is the best way to engage organizations playing a role in forensic science, standards development and practice?
- How should interested parties who may not be direct participants in Guidance Groups, engage in a meaningful way to have an impact on issues in front of the Guidance Groups?
- To what extent and in what ways must the Federal government, as well as state, local, tribal and territorial governments be involved at the outset?

## 4. Scope of the Guidance Groups

- Should all of the current forensic Scientific Working Groups (SWGs) transition to Guidance Groups?
- Are there broader groupings of forensic science disciplines that could form the basis of Guidance Groups than the current group of twenty-one SWGs? If so, what are those groupings?
- Is there a need for a cross-disciplinary functional approach (i.e. statistical analysis) and how could the Guidance Groups be structured to best address that need?
- To what extent do Guidance Groups need to support different forensic science disciplines differently from one another?

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC892**

### 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 (Council) will hold a meeting of its Law Enforcement Advisory Panel in conjunction with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Isla Grand Beach Resort, 500 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, TX 78597; telephone: (956) 761-6511.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630; fax: (813) 348-1711; email: [steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (October 17, 2012 Joint Meeting)
3. Review of the Council's Action Schedule
4. Status of Council FMP Amendments
  - a. Framework Action to Define Charter Fishing
  - b. *Coastal Migratory Pelagics* Amendment 19 (permit req. and sale of bag limit fish)
  - c. *Coastal Migratory Pelagics* Amendment 20 (trip limits, seasons, transit provisions, ACL, modify framework procedure)
  - d. Reef Fish Amendment 39 (recreational *red snapper* regional management)
  - e. Framework Action to Adjust Tier 3 ACLs Using MRIP Data
5. JF Program Activity
  - a. *Blue Crab*
  - b. *Gulf Menhaden*
  - c. *Gulf and Southern Flounder*
6. GSMFC Enforcement Publications
7. JEA Slide Presentation Review
8. State Report Highlights
  - a. Florida
  - b. Alabama
  - c. Mississippi
  - d. Louisiana
  - e. Texas
  - f. USCG
  - g. NOAA OLE
  - h. USFWS
9. Other Business

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 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 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.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at

the Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working 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: September 24, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC890**

#### 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 (Pacific Council) will hold a work session for the Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory Committee and Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Technical Advisory Committee (GEM Committees), which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 15, 2013, from 9 a.m. until the earlier of 5 p.m. or when business for that day has been completed, and on October 16, from 8 a.m. until the earlier of 5 p.m. or when business for that day has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Watertown Hotel Seattle, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE., Seattle, WA 98105; telephone: (206) 826-4242.

*Council address:* Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss and develop potential alternatives for electronic monitoring (EM) for vessels participating in the West Coast groundfish trawl rationalization program for consideration by the Pacific Council, and to develop other recommendations as needed to further the Pacific Council process for considering EM. No management actions will be decided at

this meeting. The meeting will include review of current and developing EM programs for other fisheries, and EM reports to guide discussions and the development of alternatives.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GEM Committees for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The meeting 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 GEM committees' intent to take final action to address the emergency. A meeting report, including potential alternatives, will be prepared by Pacific Council staff for consideration by the Pacific Council at its November 2013 meeting in Costa Mesa, CA.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC888**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a workshop hosted by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will host a public workshop for developing possibilities for collaboration in order to survey areas of coral abundance, to identify and develop tools for coral impact reduction, and potential management measures to be considered for conserving areas of coral concentrations and associated fish productivity.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on October 15, 2013, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and October 16, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the NMFS Alaska Fishery Science Center Traynor Room, 7600 Sand Point Way, Building 4, Seattle, WA.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve MacLean, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The workshop objectives and agenda can be found here: <https://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

Interested parties also may participate in the workshop via Webex by logging on at <https://npfmc.webex.com>.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 24, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC667**

#### Endangered Species; File No. 17304

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Kristen Hart, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, 3205 College Ave., Davie, Florida, 33314 has been issued a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and green (*Chelonia mydas*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705,