

DATES: This webinar will be held on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3897935157494920717>.

ADDRESSES: Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will discuss draft alternatives and draft environmental impacts analysis from the Groundfish Plan Development Team for 2021 US/CA total allowable catches (TACs) for U.S./Canada Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; 2021-23 specifications for half of the groundfish stocks; and white hake rebuilding; and receive an update on a preliminary analysis of a universal sector exemption for redfish, pollock, and haddock. They will make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee for final action on specifications and a white hake rebuilding plan, as appropriate. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

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 these meetings. 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.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: November 9, 2020.

Diane M. DeJames-Daly,

Acting Deputy 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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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panel

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

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS solicits nominations for the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP). NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of the HMS AP when preparing and implementing Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, sharks, and billfish. Nominations are being sought to fill approximately one-third (10) of the seats on the HMS AP for 3-year appointments. Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations are considered for membership on the HMS AP.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before December 14, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations and requests for the Advisory Panel Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by email to HMSAP.Nominations@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following identifier: "HMS AP Nominations."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Cooper at (301) 427-8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires the establishment of an AP for each FMP for Atlantic HMS, *i.e.*, tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks. 16 U.S.C. 1854(g)(1)(A)-(B). Since the inception of the AP in 1998, NMFS has consulted with and considered the comments and views of AP members when preparing and implementing Atlantic HMS FMPs or FMP amendments.

Procedures and Guidelines

A. Nomination Procedures for Appointments to the Advisory Panel

Nomination packages should include:

1. The name of the nominee and a description of his/her interest in HMS or HMS fisheries, or in particular species of sharks, swordfish, tunas, or billfish;

2. Contact information, including mailing address, phone, and email of the nominee;

3. A statement of background and/or qualifications;

4. A written commitment that the nominee shall actively participate in good faith, and consistent with ethics obligations, in the meetings and tasks of the HMS AP; and

5. A list of outreach resources that the nominee has at his/her disposal to communicate qualifications for HMS AP membership.

Qualification for membership includes one or more of the following:

(1) Experience in HMS recreational fisheries; (2) experience in HMS commercial fisheries; (3) experience in fishery-related industries (*e.g.*, marinas, bait and tackle shops); (4) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; and/or (5) representation of a private, non-governmental, regional, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries, or environmental, governmental, or academic interests dealing with HMS.

Tenure for the HMS AP

Member tenure will be for 3 years, with approximately one-third of the members' terms expiring on December 31 of each year. Nominations are sought for terms beginning January 2021 and expiring December 2023.

B. Participants

Nominations for the HMS AP will be accepted to allow representation from commercial and recreational fishing interests, academic/scientific interests, and the environmental/non-governmental organization community, who are knowledgeable about Atlantic HMS and/or Atlantic HMS fisheries. Current representation on the HMS AP, as shown in Table 1, consists of 12 members representing commercial interests, 12 members representing recreational interests, 4 members representing environmental interests, 4 academic representatives, and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Advisory Committee Chairperson. NMFS seeks to fill 5 commercial, 3 recreational, 1 academic, and 1 environmental organization vacancies for terms starting in 2021. NMFS will seek to fill vacancies based primarily on maintaining the current representation from each of the sectors. NMFS also considers species expertise and

representation from the fishing regions (Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean) to ensure the diversity and balance of the AP. Table 1 includes the current representation on the HMS AP by

sector, region, and species with terms that are expiring identified in bold. It is not meant to indicate that NMFS will only consider persons who have expertise in the species or fishing regions that are listed. Rather, NMFS

will aim toward having as diverse and balanced an AP as possible. The intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the HMS AP.

Table 1 -- Current Representation on the HMS AP by Sector, Region, and Species

Sector	Fishing Region	Species	Date Appointed	Date Term Expires	Member Status
Academic	All	Swordfish/Tuna	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Academic	All	Tuna	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Academic	Gulf of Mexico/Southeast	Shark	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Academic	Southeast	Swordfish/HMS	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Commercial	Mid-Atlantic	HMS/Shark	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Commercial	Mid-Atlantic	Swordfish/Tuna	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Commercial	Gulf of Mexico	Shark	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Commercial	Southeast	Shark	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Commercial	Northeast	Tuna	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Commercial	Gulf of Mexico/Southeast	Swordfish/Tuna	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Commercial	Northeast	Tuna	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Commercial	Northeast	Tuna	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Commercial	NE/SE/GOM	HMS/Tuna	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Commercial	Southeast	Shark	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Commercial	Southeast	Swordfish/Tuna	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Commercial	Northeast	Swordfish/Tuna	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Environmental	All	Tuna	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Environmental	All	HMS	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Environmental	All	Shark	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Environmental	Caribbean	HMS	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Recreational	Northeast	HMS	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Recreational	Northeast	Tuna/Sharks	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	HMS	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Recreational	Southeast	Billfish	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Recreational	Gulf of Mexico	HMS	1/1/2020	12/31/2022	Active
Recreational	All	Billfish	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	Shark	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	Tuna/Billfish	1/1/2018	12/31/2020	Expiring
Recreational	Northeast	Tuna/Shark	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Recreational	GOM/SE	HMS	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Recreational	Mid-Atlantic	HMS	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active
Recreational	Southeast	Billfish/HMS	1/1/2019	12/31/2021	Active

Note: Terms that are expiring or for whom current members are stepping down are identified in bold and marked as “Expiring”.

Five additional members on the HMS AP include one member representing each of the following Councils: New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The HMS AP also includes 22 ex-officio participants: 20 representatives of the coastal states and two representatives of the interstate commissions (the Atlantic States Marine

Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission).

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the HMS AP. However, NMFS will not compensate participants with monetary support of any kind. Depending on availability of funds, members may be reimbursed for travel costs related to the HMS AP meetings.

C. Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the HMS AP will be held as frequently as necessary but are routinely held twice each year. In recent years, meetings have been held once in the spring, and once in the fall. The meetings may be held in conjunction with public hearings.

Dated: November 9, 2020.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA621]

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 two-day webinar meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The webinar will convene Monday, November 30 through Tuesday, December 1, 2020; 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place via webinar; you may access the log-on information at www.gulfcouncil.org.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, November 30, 2020; 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

The meeting will begin with Migratory Species Committee reviewing Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Amendment 14 to establish a new framework for the establishment of acceptable biological catch and annual catch limits for Atlantic Shark fisheries. Sustainable Fisheries Committee will receive an update on Aquaculture Opportunity areas; review Final Action Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum and discuss the treatment of dead discards by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) in stock assessments. The Shrimp Committee will discuss pilot program to evaluate use of vessel navigation system to

measure shrimping efforts and receive a Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting report.

Following lunch, the Reef Fish Committee will convene to review Reef Fish Landings, Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper Annual Catch Limit, and, Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vermilion Snapper and Gray Triggerfish Catch Levels. The Committee will receive a presentation on the Great Red Snapper Count; and, review the revised draft framework action to adjust State Recreational Red Snapper Catch Limits.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020; 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

The Ecosystem Committee will receive an update on Gulf of Mexico Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Southeast Regional efforts to build a foundation for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan.

Full Council will convene mid-morning (10:15 a.m.) with a Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions; Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. The Council will hold public comment testimony beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for Final Action Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum, and open testimony on other fishery issues or concerns. There will be a one-hour lunch break from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Public comment may begin earlier than 10:30 a.m. EDT but will not conclude before that time. Persons wishing to give public testimony must follow the instructions on the Council website before the start of the public comment period at 10:30 a.m. EST.

Following public comment, the Council will receive committee reports from Sustainable Fisheries, Shrimp, Migratory Species, Reef Fish and Ecosystem Committees. The Council will then discuss any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the Council meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

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issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meeting. Actions 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 that 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

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 71 South Atlantic Gag Grouper Assessment Webinar II.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 71 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of gag grouper will consist of a data webinar and a series assessment webinars.

DATES: The SEDAR 71 Gag Grouper Assessment Webinar II has been scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Registration is available online at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7780769211057330703>.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405. www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Howington, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone (843) 571-4371; email: Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management