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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; 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 62 Assessment Webinar III for Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 62 stock assessment process for Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish will consist of an In-person Workshop, and a series of data and assessment webinars. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 62 Assessment Webinar III will be held September 4, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571-4366; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates

potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Assessment Webinar are as follows:

1. Using datasets and initial assessment analysis recommended from the in-person workshop, panelists will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and management criteria, and project future conditions.
2. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), in Charleston, SC, to address issues relevant to the NOAA Fisheries' Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019; and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (800) 334-6660 or (843) 571-1000; fax: (843) 766-9444.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following agenda items will be addressed by the SSC during the meeting:

1. Review and describe the sources of disparity between the Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) and the Fishing Effort Survey (FES) estimates of recreational effort used in the MRIP for SAFMC managed stocks, considering the impacts of the effort

survey change and NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC) post-processing.

a. Describe for a set of SAFMC managed species currently in the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment process (Red Porgy, Greater Amberjack, King Mackerel, Golden Tilefish, and Gag) how the sources of disparity between CHTS and FES affect the FES catch estimate time series, with attention on trends, uncertainty, and potential outliers.

b. Review SEFSC post-survey processing and determine what portion of the difference in catch estimates is due to: (1) The change from CHTS to FES versus (2) the post-survey processing of the data by the SEFSC.

c. Identify a set of critical factors (*e.g.*, spatial/temporal coverage of the data that were used in analysis for extrapolation, decision to exclude outlier/abnormal data points, error structures/statistical distributions used in analyses, etc.) most likely to contribute to CHTS/FES disparities for species managed by the SAFMC.

i. Describe how the sources of disparity and data issues identified for the 5 species examined above may affect estimates for other SAFMC species.

ii. Review recreational catch estimates for species currently being assessed (Golden Tilefish, Greater Amberjack, Red Porgy).

2. Establish approaches for the use of FES estimates for unassessed species.

The SSC will provide guidance to staff and recommendations for SAFMC consideration as necessary. The meeting is open to the public and will also be available via webinar as it occurs. Webinar registration is required. Information regarding webinar registration will be posted to the SAFMC website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meetings/> as it becomes available. The meeting agenda, briefing book materials, and online comment form will be posted to the website two weeks prior to the meeting. Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the SAFMC office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the SAFMC office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m., Monday, August 12, 2019.

Multiple opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during the SSC meeting. Open comment periods will be provided at the start of the meeting and near the conclusion.

Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the SSC Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold a public meeting and is soliciting comment for the performance evaluation of the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

DATES: *Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Evaluation:* The public meeting will be held on Wednesday September 25, 2019, and written comments must be received on or before Friday, October 4, 2019.

For the specific date, time, and location of the public meetings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the reserve by any of the following methods:

Public Meeting and Oral Comments: A public meeting will be held in Naples, Florida for the Rookery Bay Reserve. For the specific location, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Written Comments: Please direct written comments to Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 2234 S Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina or via email to Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov. Comments that the Office for Coastal Management receives are considered part of the public record and may be publicly accessible. Any personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address) submitted voluntarily by the sender may also be publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 2234 S Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina via email to Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov, or by phone at (843) 740-1143. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, Management Plan, and Site Profile may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent performance report may be obtained upon request by contacting Mr. Cantral via the contact information provided above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) require NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally-approved National Estuarine Research Reserves. The process includes a public meeting, consideration of written public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. For the evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserves, NOAA will consider the extent to which the state has met the national objectives, adhered to its management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the Coastal Zone Management Act. When the evaluation is completed, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

You may participate and submit oral comments at the public meeting scheduled as follows: