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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings of the Technical Review Panel and User Review Panel from June 26 through June 27, 2002.

DATES: The Council's Technical Review Panel and User Review Panel will convene in separate meetings at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 and will conclude by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-877-6688.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Technical Review Panel and User Review Panel will convene to review the Preliminary Draft of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment in separate meetings.

The Technical Review Panel will review the preliminary draft of the EFH PEIS and provide the Council and contractor with suggestions for technical revisions. In addition the Technical Review Panel members serve as contract monitors.

The User Review Panel will review the preliminary draft of the EFH PEIS and provide the Council and contractor with suggestions for revisions. In addition the User Review Panel

members are asked to provide their comments on whether the documents properly address the issues for the user group they represent. The User Review Panel is comprised of representatives from the following sectors: recreational, charter, commercial, environmental, oil and gas industry, and wetlands owners.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agendas may come before the Technical and User Review Panels for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), 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 MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agendas of these meetings can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815 (toll-free 888-833-1844).

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 19, 2002.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

Virginia M. Fay,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060502D]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings of the Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) and the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) from June 24 through June 27, 2002.

DATES: The Council's Reef Fish AP will convene at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 24,

2002 and conclude by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2002. The SSC will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 and will conclude by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-877-6688.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AP and the SSC will review a report of the Council's Socioeconomic Panel (SEP). The major content of the SEP report is a bioeconomic model evaluation of the economic implications of various measures proposed to rebuild the Gulf of Mexico red grouper stock under the draft Secretarial Amendment 1 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan to Set a 10-Year Rebuilding Plan for Red Grouper, with Associated Impacts on Gag and Other Groupers and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The AP and SSC will also provide recommendations to the Council on red grouper regulations.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AP/SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP/SSC 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.

Copies of the agendas of these meetings, and draft Secretarial Amendment 1, can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815 (toll-free 888-833-1844). Additional materials, including an addendum to Secretarial Amendment 1 (reflecting changes to the Council's preferred alternatives made at the May Council meeting), and the Socioeconomic Panel report, can also be obtained from the Council office but may not be available until just prior to the meetings.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by June 17, 2002.

Dated: June 5, 2002.

Virginia M. Fay,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060502B]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1381, 1382, and 1383) and receipt of applications to modify permits (1140, 1156, 1309, 1317, 1322, and 1370).

SUMMARY: NMFS has received three new permit applications and six applications to modify existing scientific research permits related to Pacific salmon and steelhead. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of the listed species and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight savings time on July 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (503-230-5400). Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5435. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Stone, Portland, OR (ph: 503-231-2317, Fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: steve.stone@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in this Notice

The following ESA-listed species and evolutionary significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened Puget Sound (PS); threatened Snake River (SnR) spring/summer and fall; endangered Upper Columbia River (UCR), threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR).

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened Southern OR/Northern CA Coasts (SONCC), and threatened OR Coast (OC).

Sockeye (*O. nerka*): endangered SnR.

Chum (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River (CR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): endangered Upper Columbia River spring-run (UCR), threatened Middle Columbia River (MCR), threatened LCR, threatened SnR.

Authority

Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et. seq.*). Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the ESA, is based on a finding that such permit/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR Parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

New Applications Received

Permit 1381

The City of Bellingham requests a 2-year permit for annual takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated PS chinook salmon associated with research to be conducted in the Whatcom Creek estuary. The purpose of the study is to determine a baseline usage of the project area by juvenile salmonids in order to monitor the effectiveness of integrated cleanup and habitat restoration plans

implemented on the Holly Street Landfill. The City proposes to capture (using beach seines), anesthetize, handle, measure, and release up to 10 juvenile, naturally produced and 13 juvenile, artificially propagated PS chinook salmon. In addition, the City of Bellingham is requesting indirect mortality of up to one juvenile, naturally produced and one juvenile, artificially propagated PS chinook salmon as a result of the study.

Permit 1382

The Utah State University in Logan, UT (USU) requests a 3-year scientific research permit for annual takes of juvenile, threatened, MCR steelhead associated with a scientific research project proposed to occur in the Walla Walla River Subbasin in Washington and Oregon. The objective of the research is to assess the population densities and life-history characteristics of steelhead and bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) in association with habitat quality and land use in the subbasin. Information collected from the research will be used in recovery planning and will provide a template for research, monitoring, and evaluation programs for steelhead and bull trout populations throughout the Walla Walla River Subbasin as well as other subbasins. Adult and juvenile, threatened, MCR steelhead are proposed to be observed/harassed during snorkel surveys. In addition, up to 10 MCR steelhead adults and up to 600 MCR steelhead juveniles are proposed to be captured, handled, and released using backpack electrofishing, seining, angling, and screw traps. Up to 3 percent of the ESA-listed juvenile steelhead handled may be indirectly killed.

Permit 1383

The U.S. Geological Survey in Cook, WA (USGS) requests a 3-year permit for annual takes of juvenile and adult, threatened, LCR chinook salmon; threatened, MCR steelhead; threatened, LCR steelhead; and threatened, CR chum salmon associated with research to be conducted in selected watersheds between Bonneville Dam and The Dalles Dam. The objectives of the study are to (1) determine abundance, distribution, and life history patterns of anadromous and resident fishes, (2) identify populations and determine the status of steelhead and cutthroat trout (*O. clarki*), (3) restore and recover salmonid habitat, and (4) assess sympatric relationships between listed species and cutthroat trout. The USGS proposes to observe/harass juvenile and adult chinook salmon and steelhead and capture (using electrofishing and angling