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Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

Theophilus R. Brainerd

Acting 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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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) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, May 5, 2003 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 through Friday, May 9.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: (831) 420-3900.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE

Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Staff Officer, (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT working meeting is to plan strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2003 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2003. Additionally, the GMT will discuss groundfish management measures in place for the spring and summer months, review new groundfish stock assessments and survey results, discuss recommended management measures for 2004 fisheries, respond to assignments relating to implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan, review and consider technical aspects of draft stock rebuilding plans and analyses, consider criteria for recommending mid-course corrections to harvest levels under biennial management, consider standards and criteria for Council approval of Exempted Fishing Permits, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: April 2, 2003.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Sub-Committee in Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meeting will take place April 23-25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 571-1000; fax: (843) 766-9444.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: 866-SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC Sub-Committee will meet from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on April 23, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on April 24, 2003, and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on April 25, 2003. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the Council's scientific materials, including stock assessments. Therefore, the purpose of this SSC Sub-Committee meeting is to prepare recommendations for presentation to the full Scientific and Statistical Committee during the June, 2003 meeting in Cocoa Beach, FL, addressing red porgy, vermilion snapper and black sea bass assessments. The SSC Sub-Committee will provide their determinations on the stock assessments, including the following: certify the assessments are based upon best available data/science and are adequate for management, develop advice on the magnitude and direction of action(s) required, interpret the assessment results and provide clearly understood conclusions, develop guidelines for the Council on assessment needs and resources to complete recommendations, and review the current Southeastern Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Process and offer recommendations.

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