

in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Erin Markin, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The SWFSC proposes to continue long-term monitoring of leatherback sea turtles off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington. The purpose of the work is to determine abundance, distribution, size ranges, sex ratio, health status, diving behavior, local movements, habitat use, potential fishery impacts, and migratory routes for leatherbacks. Up to 70 sea turtles would be located annually through aerial surveys and subsequently approached from a research vessel or captured by hoop net. Upon approach or capture, researchers would examine, collect morphometric data and biological samples, and attach up to two transmitters to turtles before release. The permit would be valid for up to 10 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: July 6, 2017.

Catherine Marzin,

Acting Deputy Office Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF527

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 (Council) will hold a meeting of Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) shareholders in Daytona Beach, FL.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center, 2700 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118; Hotel phone: (386) 672-3770, fax: (386) 944-2090.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian Chevront, Deputy Executive Director for Management, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8442; fax: (843) 744-4472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The items of discussion by shareholders are as follows:

1. Overview of the mandatory review of the catch share program
2. Timing of the program review
3. Input from shareholders on their views of the current state of the catch share program.
4. Input from shareholders on changes they would like to see in the program.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 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: July 5, 2017.

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

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Stock Assessment of Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab; Center for Independent Experts Peer Review Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS has requested the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) to conduct a peer review of the agency's stock assessment of eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*). The CIE is a group affiliated with the University of Miami that provides independent peer reviews of NMFS science nationwide, including reviews of stock assessments for fish, shellfish and marine mammals. The eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab stock assessment is reviewed annually by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Crab Plan Team, and the NPFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee. The CIE review will examine whether the assessment incorporates the best scientific information available for making management decisions and provides a reasonable approach to understanding the population dynamics and stock status of eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab. The public is invited to attend and observe the presentations and discussions between the CIE panel and the NMFS scientists who collected and processed the data, and designed the underlying model.

DATES: The public meeting will be held from July 31 through August 3, 2017, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The review will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-6349. Visitors will need to provide proper ID and sign in at the front desk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Stockhausen, 206-526-4241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CIE panel will consist of three peer reviewers who will assess materials related to the topic, participate in a review workshop with the NMFS scientists who developed the model and the analytical approach, and produce a report. This review will be highly