

requirements would still apply. All catch of allocated groundfish stocks would be deducted from the appropriate sector's allocation. Legal-sized regulated groundfish would be retained and landed as required by the Northeast Multispecies FMP. Undersized groundfish would be handled according to the VMP guidelines in view of cameras and returned to the sea as quickly as possible. All other species would be handled per normal commercial fishing operations. No legal-size regulated groundfish would be discarded, unless otherwise permitted through regulatory exemptions granted to the participating vessel's sector.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: April 3, 2020.

**Hélène M.N. Scalliet,**

*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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#### 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 Data Scoping Webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 71 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of Gag Grouper will consist of a data scoping webinar and a series assessment webinars.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 71 Gag Grouper Data Scoping Webinar has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (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/7558944934802809100>.

*SEDAR address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; [www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**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 three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a 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, Highly Migratory Species 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 non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion at the SEDAR 71 Gag Grouper Data Scoping Webinar are as follows:

- Discuss available data sources

- Identify and discuss potential new data sources

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

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business 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: April 3, 2020.

**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

[RTID 0648-XV174]

#### Determination of Overfishing or an Overfished Condition

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has found that Southern Atlantic greater amberjack, Southern Atlantic red grouper, Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack, and Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish are now subject to overfishing; Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank white hake and Georges Bank winter flounder are now overfished; Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank windowpane flounder, Atlantic witch flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, Pribilof Islands blue king crab, and Atlantic white marlin are still overfished; and both Georges Bank Atlantic cod and Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod are still

subject to overfishing and still overfished. NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, notifies the appropriate regional fishery management council (Council) whenever it determines that overfishing is occurring, a stock is in an overfished condition, or a stock is approaching an overfished condition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Regina Spallone, (301) 427-8568.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 304(e)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, must notify Councils, and publish in the **Federal Register**, whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

NMFS has determined that Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack and Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish are now subject to overfishing. Neither of these stocks were assessed in 2019 and catch data from 2018 support determinations that these stocks are subject to overfishing because total catch for each stock in 2018 exceeded their respective overfishing limit (OFL). NMFS has notified the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council of their obligation to end and prevent overfishing for these stocks.

NMFS has determined that Southern Atlantic greater amberjack and Southern Atlantic red grouper are now subject to overfishing. Neither stock was assessed in 2019, and catch data from 2017/2018 (for greater amberjack) and from 2018 (for red grouper) support determinations that the stocks are subject to overfishing because total catch for each stock exceeded their respective OFL. NMFS has notified the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council of their obligation to end and prevent overfishing for these stocks.

NMFS has also determined that Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank white hake and Georges Bank winter flounder are now overfished, and that Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank windowpane flounder and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder continue to be overfished. These determinations are made based on the most recent stock assessments, completed in 2019 using data through 2018, which indicate that biomass estimates are now below or remain below thresholds. Atlantic witch flounder also continues to be overfished, but could not be quantitatively determined and was qualitatively determined based on continued poor stock condition. Further, both Georges Bank Atlantic cod

and Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod are still subject to overfishing and still overfished. The status of Georges Bank cod could not be quantitatively determined and was qualitatively determined to be overfished based on continued poor stock condition. The overfishing status of this stock continues to be based on the last accepted assessment that provided quantitative information, in 2013. The status of Gulf of Maine cod is based on the most recent stock assessment, completed in 2019, using data through 2018, which indicates that biomass remains below its threshold and fishing mortality remains above its threshold. NMFS has notified the New England Fishery Management Council of the requirements to rebuild and to end and prevent overfishing on these stocks.

NMFS has also determined that Pribilof Islands blue king crab is still overfished. This determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2019 using data through 2019, which indicates that the biomass estimate remains below its threshold. NMFS has notified the North Pacific Fishery Management Council of the requirements to rebuild this stock.

NMFS has also determined that Atlantic white marlin is still overfished domestically. This determination is based on the most recent stock assessment, completed in 2019 using data through 2017, which indicates that the biomass estimate remains below its threshold. NMFS continues to work with the International Commission for the

Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) to rebuild Atlantic white marlin, including through the first-ever rebuilding program, which was adopted at the 2019 ICCAT Annual Meeting.

Dated: April 2, 2020.

**Hélène M.N. Scalliet,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice for open public virtual meeting, correction with a change of date, and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This serves as a correction and notice of a new meeting for the Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) who will have a virtual public meeting on April 28, 1 p.m. EDT, by webinar. This announcement is a correction and replaces the prior public meeting notice for a meeting scheduled for April 28–30, 2020. The meeting originally scheduled for April 28–30, 2020, which will focus on Hawaii and the Pacific, has been postponed to the week of September 21, 2020, in Oahu, Hawaii. For the virtual public meeting on April 28, 2020, 1 p.m. EDT, the public comments are requested in advance and/or during the public comment period. Information about the HSRP meetings, agendas, presentations, and advance webinar registration, is posted and updated online. The meeting documents will be available for downloading prior to the meeting at: <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/hsrp.html> and <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/meetings.html>.

**DATES:** The virtual public meeting is on April 28, 2020, 1 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be conducted by webinar. The agenda, speakers and times are subject to change. For updates, please check online at the web page below or sign up to receive meeting emails. To receive the meeting announcements by email, including the agenda, please sign up via the tab for “Meeting Sign Up Information” on the meeting web page at <https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/hsrp/meeting-webinar-2020.html> or send an email to [Virginia.Dentler@noaa.gov](mailto:Virginia.Dentler@noaa.gov).

Advance registration is required for the April 28, 2020, webinar and can be found via the link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6546237546550851853>.

Public comments are encouraged and individuals or groups who would like to submit advance written statements should email their comments to [hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov](mailto:hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov), [Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov](mailto:Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov), and [Virginia.Dentler@noaa.gov](mailto:Virginia.Dentler@noaa.gov).

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