

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kara Dodge, NOAA/NMFS/NERO, Protected Resources Division, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (Phone 978-281-9328 x6529).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This collection of information involves sea turtles becoming accidentally entangled in active or discarded fixed fishing gear. These entanglements may prevent the recovery of endangered and threatened sea turtle populations. NOAA Fisheries had established the Sea Turtle Disentanglement Network to promote reporting and increase successful disentanglement of sea turtles. As there is limited to no observer coverage of pot gear fisheries, NOAA Fisheries relies on the U.S. Coast Guard, fishing industry, stranding network, federal, state, and local authorities, and the public for this information. The information provided will help NOAA Fisheries better assess pot gear fisheries (lobster, whelk/conch, crab, fish trap) and their impacts on sea turtle populations in the northeast region (Maine to Virginia).

II. Method of Collection

Members of the Disentanglement Network and the public are requested to call and inform NOAA Fisheries of any sea turtle entanglements they encounter. Information provided in these phone calls (or by fax or mail) will include: name and type of reporting vessel, vessel call phone number or radio call channel, reporter name and home phone number, date/time of report (and/or sighting event), location (latitude and longitude), description of turtle for species identification, status of turtle alive or dead, description of entangling gear (rope, line, buoys, colors, ID numbers), location of entangling gear on turtle (head, flippers, single wrap, multiple wraps), description of any visible injuries, and weather/sea conditions at the scene. Information will be collected by NOAA Fisheries when a sea turtle entanglement event occurs. Reports and documentation of dead or

injured sea turtles are also requested. NOAA Fisheries may request assistance from the responder to bring injured sea turtles to the appropriate stranding and rehabilitation facility for veterinary care when practical. NOAA Fisheries may also request assistance to bring fresh dead sea turtles to the appropriate stranding facility for necropsy.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0496.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15.

Estimated Time Per Response: 60 minutes for a telephone call.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$450.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 10, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091404B]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held October 11-15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Edgewater Beach Resort, 11212 Front Beach Road, Panama City FL 34207.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 North U.S. Highway 301, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; 850-235-4977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These meetings were previously scheduled to be held on September 13-17, 2004, but were rescheduled due to Hurricane Ivan.

Council

Thursday, October 14, 2004

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m.—10 a.m.—Receive public testimony on the Reef Fish Amendment 23 (Vermilion Snapper Rebuilding Plan) and Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (if any).

10 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Receive the Habitat Protection Committee report.

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.—Receive the report of the Joint Personnel/Administrative Policy Committee.

10:45 a.m.—11 a.m.—Receive the report of the Budget Committee.

11 a.m.—11:15 a.m.—Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committee report.

11:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

1 p.m.—1:15 p.m.—Receive the Data Collection Committee report.

1:15 p.m.—1:30 p.m.—Receive the Ecosystem Management Committee report.

1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.—Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—Receive the Migratory Species Committee report.

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Receive the Sustainable Fisheries Committee report.

Friday, October 15, 2004

8 a.m.—9 a.m.—Receive the Coral Management Committee report.

9 a.m.—9:15 a.m.—Receive the Joint Advisory Panel (AP) Selection/Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection Committee report.

9:15 a.m.—9:30 a.m.—Receive the ICCAT Advisory Committee report.

9:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

9:45 a.m.—10 a.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

10 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Other Business.

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.—Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Committees

Monday, October 11, 2004

8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.—The Joint Personnel/Administrative Policy Committees will review the disciplinary action section of the Council's Standard Operating Practices and Procedures (SOPPS) and the SEDAR Process and Pool Section of SOPPS.

9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—The Budget Committee will review the 2005–09 budgets.

10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committee will review amendments for commercial limited access systems for reef fish and mackerels.

1 p.m.—3:30 p.m.—The Shrimp Management Committee will discuss NOAA Fisheries' bycatch reduction device (BRD) technical developments; proposed revision of BRD certification rule; report on Shrimp Summit meeting; and Draft Shrimp Amendment 13/SEIS.

3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—The Ecosystem Management Committee will meet and presentations on the NOAA Fisheries' ecosystem management will be given. There will also be a presentation on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) approach to ecosystem management.

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

8 a.m.—9:30 a.m.—The Data Collection Committee will meet to hear a presentation of the recreational data needs and data collection.

9:30 a.m.—11 a.m.—The Habitat Protection Committee will review a Preliminary Public Hearing Draft of Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment and a report on NOAA Fisheries' Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Facilities Workshop.

11 a.m.—5:30 p.m.—The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to review the Final Reef Fish Amendment 23 for rebuilding vermilion snapper; an Options Paper for Reef Fish 18A pertaining to the grouper fishery; scoping comments on Red Snapper IFQ Profile; and public testimony on grouper quota and trip limits.

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.—NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will hold the Gulf Coast Recreational Data Forum in the same meeting room as the Council meeting. Dr. Roy Crabtree, SE Regional Administrator, SERO staff, and fisheries statistics staff from NOAA Fisheries Headquarters will be on hand to provide up-to-date program information and answer questions about NOAA Fisheries' recreational data collection program. The informal two-hour session is open to the public and will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information on the Gulf Coast Recreational Data Forum, contact Michael Bailey at 727–570–5474.

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—The Highly Migratory Species Committee will meet to suggest changes to the NOAA Fisheries HMS/Billfish Amendments.

10:30 a.m.—1 p.m.—The Sustainable Fisheries Committee will suggest changes to the draft proposed guidelines for National Standard One.

2:30—4:30 p.m.—The Coral Management Committee will meet from to review the Oceana petition for rulemaking on deep-water coral and draft a Council letter commenting on it.

4:30—5:30 p.m.—The Joint Advisory Panel (AP)/Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) selection Committee will meet in a Closed Session to discuss the appointment of 2 persons to the Ad Hoc Red Snapper AP and appointment of members to the Ad Hoc Ecosystem SSC.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees 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 Council and Committees 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. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to

accommodate the untimely completion of discussion relevant to other agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 4, 2004.

Dated: September 15, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091404J]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council or MAFMC), its Tilefish Committee; its Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee; its Ecosystem Committee; its Joint Dogfish Committee; its Law Enforcement Committee; and, its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, October 4, 2004 through Thursday, October 7, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be at the Holiday Inn, 3845 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779; telephone: 631–585–9500.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: 302–674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302–674–2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: