

(CPDC-S&A 5.3) under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule of Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 102-3, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3 (CPDC-S&A 5.3) is in the public interest, in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law. The CPDC-S&A 5.3 will advise the Secretary, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, on CCSP Topic 5.3: "Decision Support Experiments and Evaluations using Seasonal to Interannual Forecasts and Observational Data". This advice will be provided in the form of a draft Synthesis and Assessment product intended to be used by NOAA to develop a final product in accordance with the *Guidelines for Producing the CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Products*, the OMB Peer Review Bulletin, and the Information Quality Act Guidelines. The CPDC-S&A 5.3 will consist of no more than 30 members to be appointed by the Under Secretary to assure a balanced representation among preeminent scientists, educators, and experts reflecting the full scope of the scientific issues addressed in CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3. The CPDC—S&A 5.3 will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter will be filed under the Act, fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Nancy Beller-Simms, Program Manager, NOAA/OAR/Climate Program Office, Sectoral Applications Research Program, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1210, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 301-427-2351, e-mail: [Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov](mailto:Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3 and conclude no later than 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062; telephone: (504) 469-5000.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Rester, Habitat Support Specialist, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; telephone: (228) 875-5912.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Louisiana/Mississippi group is part of a three-unit Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP) of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The principal role of the advisory panels is to assist the Council in attempting to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. Advisory panels serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities which may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. The panels may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

At this meeting, the AP will tentatively discuss the Port of Iberia channel deepening project, the Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico hurricane protection project, the Donaldsonville to the Gulf of Mexico hurricane protection project, the proposed deepening of the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Plan, the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet deauthorization, the Coastal Impact Assessment Program, the status of the Port of Pascagoula Dredged Material Management Plan, the Mississippi

Coastal Improvements Plan, and the Council's Ecosystem Management Plan.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 13, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, in Dutch Harbor, AK.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on October 2 through October 10, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Grand Aleutian Hotel, 498 Salmon Way, Dutch Harbor, AK 99692.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, continuing through October 10, 2006.