

are now classified as "not overfished" on the basis of existing overfishing definitions will ultimately be reassessed as "overfished." Consequently, this list represents a minimum number of overfished fisheries of the United States and probably understates the number of fisheries that will eventually be determined to be overfished.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rolland A. Schmitt, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries

Dated: December 29, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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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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 (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on January 19-23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Marriott's Grand Hotel, One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL; telephone: 334-928-9201.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

January 21

1:30 p.m.—Convene.

1:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Receive public testimony on: (1) the request from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) for resubmission of a management measure detailed in Amendment 8 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) which would allow the use of sink nets in waters

north of Cape Lookout, NC; (2) the areal extent of the cooperative closure of Federal waters to shrimping with the state of Texas during the 1998 fishing season; (3) Amendment 6 to the Stone Crab FMP which contains a provision for extending the moratorium on the registration of stone crab vessels by the Regional Administrator of NMFS; and, (4) the total allowable catch (TAC) and other framework measures for red snapper for the 1998 fishing year.

January 22

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee

4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.—Receive a report of the Ad Hoc Sustainable Fisheries Committee.

5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—(CLOSED SESSION) Receive reports of the Advisory Panel (AP)/Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection Committees.

January 23, 1998

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the Stone Crab Management Committee.

8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Deep Water Crab Committee.

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring Committee.

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Ad Hoc Marine Reserves Committee.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Advisory Committee.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Receive a report from the SAFMC Liaison.

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Ecosystem AP.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Receive reports of the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Longline Advisory Panel, HMS AP, and Billfish AP.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Receive Directors' Reports.

12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.—Other business to be discussed. Under Other Business, the Gulf Council may also consider recommendations to NMFS regarding National Standard 1 to the

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act based on the pending reopening of the comment period through January 28, 1998.

January 19

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—(CLOSED SESSION) Convene the AP/SSC Selection Committees to consider appointments to the Billfish AP, the Standing SSC, and the consolidated Shark, Swordfish, and Tuna AP to be more consistent with the direction being taken by NMFS with regard to management of the HMS Complex.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Convene the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring Committee to review the results of a NMFS/state of Florida pilot study on the use of transponders to monitor fishing vessels. The Committee will also review a policy with regard to a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS).

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to consider the status of the stocks of red snapper and a TAC for 1998. The Committee will consider the previously completed stock assessment by NMFS and a peer-group review of management of the red snapper fishery. This review was mandated by Congress through passage of the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA). In complying with this mandate, NMFS empaneled three groups of scientists from outside the Gulf region to conduct the peer-group review during July and August. The panels reviewed information provided by NMFS and by the commercial fishing industry related to: (1) the statistical information and analyses, (2) the economic information and analyses, and (3) management and science procedures and data. The Committee will also consider a separate stock assessment developed by Dr. Brian Rothschild of the University of Massachusetts. Based on these data and the recommendations of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP) and SSC, the Committee will develop recommendations to the Council on TAC and possibly other associated framework measures for red snapper in 1998. The Committee will also review an Options Paper for Amendment 17 which includes alternatives for a commercial license limitation system for reef fish resources in the Gulf, other than red snapper.

January 20

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review an analysis of the 1997 cooperative shrimp closure with the state of Texas and recommendations of the Shrimp AP with regard to possible changes in 1998. The Committee may

also discuss Amendment 9 to the Shrimp FMP and make recommendations to the Council regarding its approval.

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Convene the Deep Water Crab Management Committee to review provisions of the SAFMC's FMP and a recommendation of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission that the Gulf Council consider development of a Deep Water Crab FMP for the Gulf of Mexico.

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to review recommendations of the Texas and Florida/Alabama Habitat APs, as well as a report of the Technical Review Panel regarding the development of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Generic Amendment. The Committee will also review the Interim Final Guidelines for EFH from NMFS.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Convene the Ad Hoc Marine Reserves Committee to consider management measures for marine reserves previously included in an options paper for Amendment 16 to the Reef Fish FMP (but later removed) and recommendations of the RFSAP and SSC. The Committee will also initiate the development of an action plan for study of marine reserves.

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Ad Hoc Sustainable Fisheries Committee to discuss provisions of a Generic SFA Amendment. The Committee will also consider a schedule of actions for the development and submission of the amendment to NMFS in accordance with the SFA.

January 21

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review comments and recommendations from the SAFMC with regard to Amendment 9 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP and a revised draft (public hearing draft) of Amendment 9 that incorporates changes from the November 1997 Council meeting. The Committee will also review an Options Paper for Amendment 10 that includes provisions for a commercial license limitation system for king mackerel and resubmission of a sink net provision of Amendment 8, as previously discussed. The Committee may also consider a control date for the dolphin and wahoo fisheries in the Gulf.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Convene the Stone Crab Management Committee to consider recommendations to the Council regarding final action on Amendment 6 (extending the moratorium on fishing permits). In deliberations, the Committee will consider public hearing comments, written comments, AP/SSC

recommendations, NMFS comments, and minutes from workshops held by the Florida Marine Fisheries Commission.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed 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 Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by January 12, 1998.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: National Security Education Program (Service Agreement Report for Scholarship and Fellowship Awards); DD Forms 2752 and 2753; OMB Number 0704-0368.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 600.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is necessary to obtain verification that applicable scholarship and fellowship recipients are fulfilling the service obligation mandated by the National Security Education Act of 1991, Title VIII of P.L. 102-183, as amended. Respondents are recipients of undergraduate scholarship and graduate fellowship assistance from the National Security Education Program (NSEP), established by the National Security

Education Act of 1991. DD Form 2752 is the Service Agreement that award recipients sign in order to acknowledge their understanding of their service obligation, and agree to the obligation. DD Form 2753 is the Service Agreement Report Form on which the student provides an account of his or her work toward fulfilling the service obligation, or justifies a request for deferment. The forms supporting this information collection requirement represent the sole means of establishing a written agreement of the service obligation and progress reports toward fulfilling this obligation between students who receive NSEP undergraduate scholarship and graduate fellowship awards, the program office, and the Department.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Frequency: Semi-Annually.

Respondents's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C.

Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposals should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: National Security Education Program (NSEP Grants to Institutions of Higher Education); DD Forms 2729 and 2730; OMB Number 0704-0366.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 185.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Response: 185.