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Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Report:
 - (a) Executive Director's Report
 - (b) NMFS Management Report
 - (c) Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Management Report
 - (d) Coast Guard Report
 - (e) United States Fish & Wildlife Service Report
 - (f) National Academy of Science Steller Sea Lion report
 - (g) Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) National Committee report (if available)
2. Crab Rationalization: Receive Committee reports and determine preferred alternatives for completed trailing amendments. Discuss Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) progress and alternatives. Provide direction/alternatives on Pribilof blue king crab rebuilding plan.
3. Gulf of Alaska (GOA)

Rationalization; Receive report from GOA Work Group, discuss alternatives for formal analysis, and provide direction to staff and work group.

4. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Receive Committee report and clarify mitigation alternatives for analysis.

5. American Fisheries Act Issues: Final action on Pacific cod sideboard issues (T). Review initial co-op reports and agreements (full reports in February).

6. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Receive Committee report and clarify mitigation alternatives for analysis.

7. Groundfish Issues: Final report from F40 review. Review NMFS discussion paper on Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) rockfish management. Review alternative for total allowable catch (TAC)-setting process amendment package. Review and approve BSAI and GOA Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report and recommend final catch specifications and bycatch apportionments for 2003. Review discussion paper on Amendment 64 (BSI fixed gear Pacific cod allocations) and finalize alternatives for analysis.

8. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and committees and provide direction to staff.

9. Other Business: Approve AP and SSC appointments for 2003

Scientific and Statistical Committee: The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (a) C-3 EFH

- (b) Review Halibut log book data
- (c) C-1 Rationalization (T)
- (d) D-1(a) F40 Final Report
- (e) D-1(b,c) BSAI Rockfish and TAC setting

(f) D-1(d,e) BSAI/GOA SAFE
(g) American Fisheries Act
Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, with the exception of the Reports under Item #1 of the Council agenda.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issue 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 final action to address this emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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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South 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Snapper Grouper Committee, Finance Committee, Highly Migratory Species Committee, Advisory Panel Selection Committee (closed session), Habitat Committee and Dolphin Wahoo Committee. A joint

meeting will also be held between the Snapper Grouper Committee and the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel. A public hearing will be held on the red porgy stock assessment and review. Additional public comment periods will be held to address lobster issues and the final Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. There will also be a full Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held in December 2002. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Grand New Bern, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560; telephone: (1-800) 326-3745 or (252) 638-8112.

Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: 843-571-4366 or toll free at 866/SAFMC-10; fax: 843-769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. *Joint Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting: December 2, 2002, 1:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. and continued on December 3, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.*

The Snapper Grouper Committee will meet jointly with the Advisory Panel (AP) to receive updates on red porgy management including a presentation on the SAW/SARC (Stock Assessment Workshop/Stock Assessment Review Committee) findings and the status of the North Carolina observer work on red porgy bycatch. The Committee and AP will also receive updates on the snapper/grouper electronic logbook study and the economic data collection program using logbooks. Following the presentations, the Committee and AP will receive an overview of draft Amendment 13 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and will provide input for the document.

2. *Public Hearing for Red Porgy followed immediately by a public scoping meeting on issues affecting the spiny lobster fishery: December 2, 2002, 6 p.m.*

3. *Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting: December 3, 2002, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and continued December 4, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.*

The Snapper Grouper Committee will meet to receive an update on the SEDAR (Southeastern Data, Assessment and

Review) process as it currently relates to the status of vermilion snapper and black sea bass and also hear from NOAA Fisheries's Southeast Regional Office regarding the status of their capacity work for the snapper grouper and black sea bass fisheries. The Snapper Grouper Committee will also review draft Amendment 13 and develop recommendations for the Council.

4. Finance Committee Meeting:
December 4, 2002, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet to review and approve the Calendar Year (CY) 2003 budget.

5. Highly Migratory Committee Meeting:
December 4, 2002, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Highly Migratory Species Committee will meet to discuss bluefin tuna allocation issues and hear a report on the fall ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) Advisory Committee meeting and a summary of the ICCAT meeting.

6. Habitat Committee Meeting:
December 5, 2002, 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

The Habitat Committee will meet to review Advisory Panel recommendations. The Committee will also address revisions of its Policy Statement.

7. Advisory Panel Selection Committee Meeting (CLOSED):
December 5, 2002, 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will meet in to review current applications for advisory panel positions and develop recommendations.

8. Dolphin Wahoo Committee Meeting:
December 5, 2002, 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The Dolphin Wahoo Committee will meet to develop recommendations on submission of the Dolphin Wahoo FMP for formal Secretarial review.

9. Council Session:
December 5, 2002, 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

From 4 p.m. 4:15 p.m., the Council will have a Call to Order, introductions and roll call, adoption of the agenda, and approval of the September 2002 meeting minutes.

From 4:15 p.m. 5 p.m., the Council will hear recommendations from the Dolphin Wahoo Committee and take action for final approval of the Dolphin Wahoo FMP for submission for formal Secretarial review. Beginning at 4:15 p.m., a public comment period will be held on the final Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo FMP.

From 5 p.m. 6 p.m., the Council will receive a legal briefing on litigation

affecting the Council (CLOSED SESSION).

10. Council Session:
December 6, 2002, 8:30 a.m. 12 Noon.

From 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Snapper Grouper Committee and take into consideration recommendations regarding draft Amendment 13 to the Snapper Grouper FMP.

From 9 a.m. 9:15 a.m., the Council will receive a report from the Habitat Committee.

From 9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m., the Council will hear recommendations from the Advisory Panel Selection Committee and appoint new advisory panel members.

From 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Highly Migratory Species Committee.

From 9:45 a.m. 10 a.m., The Council will hear a report from the Finance Committee and approve the CY 2003 budget.

From 10 a.m. until 10:15 a.m., the Council will develop recommendations to the Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries on Exempted Fisheries Permits for the North Carolina Aquariums and the South Carolina Aquarium.

From 10:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., the Council will receive a report on the Marine Fishery Stock Assessment Improvement Plan.

From 10:45 a.m. until 11 a.m., the Council will receive a status report on Amendment 6 to the Shrimp FMP.

From 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., the Council will hear NOAA Fisheries status reports on the Golden/Red Crab FMP management unit issue, Shrimp Amendment 5 implementation, the Sargassum FMP, the SEDAR Committee Process and implementation of the ACCSP (Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program) in the Southeast Region. NOAA Fisheries will also give status reports on landings for Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper & golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack and south Atlantic octocorals.

From 11:30 a.m. 12 noon, the Council will hear agency and liaison reports, discuss other business and upcoming meetings.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see ADDRESSES).

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Dated: November 13, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, December 6, 2002.

PLACE: 1155 21st NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

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Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, December 13, 2002.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.