

about, and seek input on, ecosystem objectives for fisheries management.

DATES: The workshops will be held from July 11 through August 3 at nine locations throughout the Gulf of Mexico. For specific dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The workshops will be held in the following locations: Fort Myers Beach, Tampa, Key West, and Panama City, Florida; St. Rose, Louisiana; Biloxi, Mississippi; Orange Beach, Alabama; and Galveston and Corpus Christi, Texas. For specific dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.228.2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a series of public workshops to provide information about, and seek input on, ecosystem objectives for fisheries management. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) is one of four Councils participating in a pilot project to develop an ecosystem approach to fisheries management (the four Councils in the pilot project are New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Gulf of Mexico).

One of the initial tasks of this project for the Council is to hold a series of public meetings seeking input regarding ecosystem objectives for fisheries management. The purpose of these meetings will be to facilitate wide-ranging discussions with stakeholder groups and the general public in eight topic areas: (1) views regarding the adequacy of current approaches for addressing ecosystem considerations, (2) the nature of ecosystem-based management and the goals to be achieved in addressing ecosystem issues, (3) the nature of the public decision making processes within the Council for addressing management tradeoffs, consistent with identified goals, (4) mechanisms for considering activities outside the Council's purview but influencing ecosystem productivity, (5) the boundaries of sub-regional ecosystems within the Gulf of Mexico, (6) the types of management measures that would be incorporated into ecosystem approaches for fishery management, consistent with the identified goals, (7) the specific regional issues that need to be addressed in a fisheries ecosystem plan (FEP), (8)

techniques for determining success of ecosystem-based management, and (9) other issues considered important to the stakeholders in the Gulf region.

The public workshops will be conducted by an independent facilitator, who will report the results to the Council at its September 2005 meeting in New Orleans, LA. The workshops will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude no later than 9 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

Monday, July 11, 2005, DiamondHead Beach Resort, 2000 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931, 888.627.1595;

Monday, July 18, 2005, Best Western The Westshore Hotel, 1200 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33607, 813.282.3636;

Tuesday, July 19, 2005, DoubleTree Grand Key Resort, 3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040, 888.310.1540;

Monday, July 25, 2005, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530, 228.374.5000;

Tuesday, July 26, 2005, Orange Beach Community Center, 4849 Wilson Boulevard, Orange Beach, AL 36561, 251.981.6028;

Wednesday, July 27, 2005, NMFS Panama City Lab, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408, 850.234.6541;

Monday, August 1, 2005, New Orleans Airport Ramada Inn and Suites, 110 James Drive East, St. Rose, LA 70087, 504.466.1355;

Tuesday, August 2, 2005, The San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston Island, TX 77551, 409.744.1500;

Wednesday, August 3, 2005, Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, Bayfront Tower, 900 North Shoreline, Corpus Christi, TX 78401, 361.887.1600.

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 June 27, 2005.

Dated: June 23, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062305B]

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 meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held July 11–15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the DiamondHead Beach Resort, 2000 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL, 33607 (as of July 1, 2005).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.228.2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

10:45 a.m. – Convene.

11:00 a.m. – 12 noon – The Council will hear a presentation on the licensing of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities.

1:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. – Receive public testimony on the preliminary Red Grouper Regulatory Amendment.

Thursday, July 14, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. – Receive the SSC Selection Committee Report (CLOSED SESSION).

8:40 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Receive public testimony on (a) the preliminary Red Grouper Regulatory Amendment, (b) Reef Fish Amendment 18A/EA, (c) Charter Vessel Permit Moratorium Extension (CMP17/RF 25) and (d) Exempted fishing permits (if any).

1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Receive a presentation on a Permits Information Management System.

1:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. – Receive the SSC Selection Committee Report.

1:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. – Receive the AP Selection Committee Report.

1:50 p.m. – 5 p.m. – Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee Report.

Friday, July 15, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Receive the Coral Management Committee report.

10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – Receive the Joint Budget/Personnel Committee Report.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Receive the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee Report.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Receive the joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committees Report.

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Receive the NRC Recreational Data Meeting report.

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Other Business.

Committee

Monday, July 11, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – The Scientific and Statistical (SSC) Selection Committee will meet in closed session to appoint SSC members.

8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. – The Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee will meet to develop the structure of the Ad Hoc Red Grouper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) AP.

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – The Coral Management Committee will meet to review the recommendations of the Coral SSC on coral reef research and other matters.

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – The Joint Budget/Personnel Committee will meet to consider options recommended by staff under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) revision to the SOPPs.

1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – The Reef Fish Management Committee will review the new red snapper stock assessment conducted under the SouthEast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, which yields a peer-reviewed assessment. They will also review the recommendations of the SSC, SEP and Red Snapper AP on this assessment. The Committee will review Draft Reef Fish Amendment 26 for a red snapper IFQ program and select their preferred alternatives for management measures for public hearings. The Reef Fish Management Committee will review public hearing summaries, public letters, AP recommendations, SSC recommendations, Federal recommendations and committee recommendations on Reef Fish Amendment 18A/EA, which addresses the grouper fishery and make recommendations to Council. The Committee will then review public hearing comments on the interim red grouper rule and select preferred alternatives for a regulatory amendment

that will be presented at public hearings in August.

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – The Reef Fish Management Committee resumes.

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. – The Shrimp Management Committee will hear a presentation on bycatch reduction devices (BRDs), review a preliminary scoping document on Amendment 14 and hear a report on the status of shrimp stocks.

4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will meet to consider the recommendations of the Ecosystem SSC and to develop recommendations to Congress on amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – The joint Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee continues.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committees will review public hearing summaries, public letters, AP recommendations, SEP comments, SSC recommendations and committee recommendations on Final Generic Amendment for Extension of Charter Vessel Permit Moratorium and make recommendations to the Council.

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 (M-SFCMA), 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 M-SFCMA, 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 timely completion of discussion relevant to the 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.

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Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 27, 2005.

Dated: June 23, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council)/Board of Fisheries (BOF) Interim Joint Protocol committee will meet on July 14, 2005, at Anchorage at the Hilton Hotel.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 14, 2005, from 8:30am – 5 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 w 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

A further review of the BOF proposals for a State water pollock fishery in the Central and Western GOA areas and the Aleutian Islands a review of additional information on the pollock fisheries in these regions, information on P cod harvests in these areas, and additional information on Steller sea lions receive a report from NMFS on their preliminary review of a revised proposal for a state water pollock fishery in the Central GOA continued work to refine the proposals and determine what steps need to be taken next.

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.