

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.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Golden Tilefish Limited Access Privilege (LAPP) Exploratory Workgroup in North Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meeting will take place October 28-30, 2008. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Office, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29406.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC, 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Workgroup meeting will take place from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on October 28, 2008, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on October 29, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on October 30, 2008.

The Council recently formed a Golden Tilefish LAPP Exploratory Workgroup to investigate the possible use of LAPPs or other programs for the commercial golden tilefish fishery. The Workgroup consists of fishermen involved in this deepwater fishery from the South Atlantic region. During this initial meeting of the Workgroup, members will receive a presentation on LAPPs, discuss problems and issues currently affecting the golden tilefish fishery, and possible solutions.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a rescheduled South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's South Atlantic Habitat and Ecosystem Internet Map Server (IMS) Refinement Workshop.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) has

rescheduled a South Atlantic Habitat and Ecosystem IMS Refinement Workshop, in St. Petersburg, FL.

DATES: The workshop has been rescheduled for November 6-7, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Avenue, S.E., St. Petersburg, FL; telephone: (727) 896-8626.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rescheduled IMS Workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on November 6, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on November 7, 2008.

The Workshop is designed to continue the refinement of the Council's Internet Map Server (IMS) as a support tool for ecosystem-based management. Invited workshop participants will review the present structure of the IMS and future capabilities, identify Geographic Information Systems (GIS) needs supporting management, research, and regional collaborations and provide recommendations. Participants will also identify additional data and GIS for possible inclusion in the IMS and provide recommendations for enhancing and refining the functional capabilities of the IMS to better support local, state, and other regional habitat and ecosystem GIS needs.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

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A North Atlantic Regional Cooperative Institute

AGENCY: OAR Cooperative Institutes Program Office (CIPO), Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the NOAA Office of Ocean and Atmospheric Research (OAR) invite applications for the establishment of a cooperative institute (CI) that will focus on the themes of (1) Ecosystem Forecasting, (2) Ecosystem Monitoring, (3) Ecosystem Management, Protection and Restoration of Resources, (4) Sustained Ocean Observations and (5) Climate Research. These 5 themes will be supported by a variety of research activities, which may include:

- Research on the linkages among productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution, climate change, and ecosystem health;
- Research to improve the integration and availability of ocean observations across spatial scales, from global to regional and local;
- Research to distinguish marine resource changes due to human impacts from those resulting from natural forcing, including climate variability and change;
- Development and application of new tools and approaches for monitoring ecosystem health and forecasting ecosystem change;
- Examination of the expected increases in socioeconomic benefits accrued from a better understanding of the effects of climate change, food webs, physical-chemical coupling, and ecosystem production dynamics;
- Collaborative research and education leading to closer linkages

between scientific assessments and management actions.

This research, conducted within the New England and the Mid-Atlantic regions, is described in the full Federal Funding Opportunity notice.

Through this new CI, NOAA also seeks to augment its existing North East Regional climate research with an expanded fisheries forecasting capability, and to develop an integrated capability to research emerging issues from an ecosystem perspective. The CI may consist of one or more research institutions with expertise and capabilities in the NOAA priority areas that contribute to the areas of research described as research themes above. Through this competition, NOAA intends to establish competitively a new CI according to the policy and procedures described in NOAA Administrative Order 216–107 and the Cooperative Institute Interim Handbook both available at <http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/ci/>. This announcement provides requirements for the proposed CI and includes details for the technical program, evaluation criteria, and competitive selection procedures. Applicants should review the CI Interim Handbook prior to preparing a proposal for this announcement.

DATES: Proposals must be received by OAR no later than January 5, 2009 5 p.m., E.T. Proposals submitted after that date will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online through the Grants.Gov Web site <http://www.grants.gov>. Paper submissions are acceptable only if internet access is not available. Grants.gov requires applicants to register with the system prior to submitting an application. This registration process can take several weeks, involving multiple steps. In order to allow sufficient time for this process, you should register as soon as you decide that you intend to apply, even if you are not yet ready to submit your proposal. If an applicant has problems downloading the application package from Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at (800) 518–4726 or support@grants.gov. For non-Windows computer systems, please see <http://www.grants.gov/MacSupport> for information on how to download and submit an application through Grants.gov. If a hard copy application is submitted, the original and two unbound copies of the proposal should be included. Paper submissions should be sent to: Mr. Philip L. Hoffman, 1315 East West Highway, Room 11308, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone

(301)734–1096. No email or facsimile proposal submissions will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the Federal Funding Opportunity announcement and/or an application package, please access Grants.gov, the NOAA Cooperative Institute Web site (<http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/ci/>) or contact Mr. Philip L. Hoffman, 1315 East West Highway, Room 11308, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301)734–1096; e-mail: Philip.Hoffman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this announcement is to invite the submission of proposals to establish a North Atlantic Regional CI which will operate along the eastern U.S. Continental Shelf frontier to conduct exploration, research, and technology development, and to provide details on the application, review, and selection process.

CI Concept/Program Background: A CI is a NOAA-supported, non-Federal organization that has established an outstanding research program in one or more areas that are relevant to the NOAA mission “to understand and predict changes in the Earth’s environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation’s economic, social, and environmental needs.” CIs are established at research institutions that also have a strong education program with established graduate degree programs in NOAA-related sciences. The CI provides significant coordination of resources among all non-government partners and promotes the involvement of students and post-doctoral scientists in NOAA-funded research. The CI provides mutual benefits with value provided by all parties. NOAA establishes a new CI competitively when it identifies a need to sponsor a long-term (5–10 years) collaborative partnership with one or more outstanding non-Federal, non-profit research institutions. For NOAA, the purpose of this long-term collaborative partnership is to promote research, education, training, and outreach aligned with NOAA’s mission; to obtain research capabilities that do not exist internally; and/or to expand research capacity in NOAA-related sciences. More specifically, the new CI will perform the following types of research activities:

- Research on the linkages among productivity, fish and fisheries, pollution, climate change, and ecosystem health;
- Research to improve the integration and availability of ocean observations