

2. Review and revise recommendations based on data availability, assumptions and other considerations with a focus on reorienting existing MPAs in order to reduce bycatch of speckled hind and warsaw grouper in the South Atlantic Region.

3. Discuss timing and develop workgroup report.

Joint Information & Education AP and Law Enforcement AP Agenda: Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

1. Receive an overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 30, pertaining to the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), as well as a review of the VMS fact sheet.

2. Receive a presentation on the mobile phone application for SAFMC regulations.

3. Receive a presentation on the status of the SAFMC Web site upgrade, including upgrades to the law enforcement sections of the Web site. This includes a Law Enforcement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section.

4. Review updates on the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Web site and discuss communication improvements regarding regulatory and law enforcement issues with officers and field offices.

Information & Education AP Agenda, Thursday, February 7, 2013, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

1. Receive an overview and an update on the Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) project.

2. Receive an update on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Communication Group Social Media Workshop.

3. Discuss the SAFMC Web site upgrade, including the Web site format and types of necessary outreach materials.

4. Receive an overview of proposed outreach materials for 2013.

5. Receive an overview of the SAFMC Visioning Process for snapper grouper species.

6. Discuss strategic planning.

Law Enforcement AP Agenda, Thursday, February 7, 2013, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

1. Approve agenda and March 2012 AP meeting minutes.

2. Receive an update on the following recently completed and developing amendments pertaining to the Snapper Grouper (SG) Fishery Management Plan: Regulatory Amendment 13, pertaining to the revision of Annual Catch Limits (ACLs); Regulatory Amendment 15 (yellowtail snapper and grouper);

Amendment 28 (red snapper); Amendment 18B and Regulatory Amendment 16 (golden tilefish); Regulatory Amendment 14 (management measures for the complex); and Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs).

3. Review SG Regulatory Amendment 18, regarding the adjustment of the ACL/sector ACLs for vermilion snapper and red porgy based on recently completed stock assessment updates for these species.

4. Review SG Amendment 27, which assumes management responsibility for Nassau grouper in the Gulf of Mexico, increases the number of crew members allowed on dual-permitted snapper grouper vessels (vessels that have both a federal South Atlantic Charter/Headboat Permit for snapper grouper species and a South Atlantic Unlimited or 225 pound SG Permit), addresses the issues of captain and crew retention of bag limit quantities of snapper grouper species, proposes changes to the existing snapper grouper framework procedure to allow for more timely adjustments to ACLs, and modifies management measures for blue runner.

5. Review SG Amendment 30, which considers VMS requirements for vessels with South Atlantic commercial snapper grouper permits. This action was initially included in a separate amendment but was recently transferred to its own separate amendment.

6. Review Joint Mackerel Amendment 19, which addresses bag limit sales of king mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia, including a potential new commercial permit requirement for cobia. The amendment also addresses permit requirements for king mackerel and Spanish mackerel.

7. Review Joint Mackerel Amendment 20, which includes evaluation of boundaries, allocations and transit provisions; considers a commercial quota for North Carolina king and Spanish mackerel; and modifies the framework procedure.

8. Review the Mackerel Framework Amendment, which considers size limits, transfer allowances and changes in commercial trip limits.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been

notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: January 15, 2013.

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Acting Deputy 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 meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2013 through Friday, February 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott Mobile, 3101 Airport Boulevard, Mobile, AL 36606; telephone: (251) 476-6400.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Stephen Bortone, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committees

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—The Full Council in a CLOSED SESSION will meet and interview the Executive Director applicants.

—Recess—

2 p.m.-4 p.m.—The Full Council in a CLOSED SESSION will continue interviewing applicants.

—Recess—

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

8:30 a.m.–12 noon and 1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.—The Reef Fish Management Committee will review a Scoping Document for Amendment 28—Red Snapper Allocations; take Final Action on Vermilion Snapper, Yellowtail Snapper and Venting Tool Framework Action; discuss For-Hire Red Snapper Days-at-Sea Pilot Program; review comments received on Scoping Document Amendment 39—Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper; receive a summary from the Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting; and discuss Exempted Fishing Permits related to Reef Fish (if any).

The Reef Fish Committee will also discuss issues addressed during the January 7–8, 2013 Reef Fish Committee Meeting, that includes: Draft 2013 Red Snapper Framework Action; discussions of Red Snapper Allocation, Red Snapper IFQ 5-Year Review and Red Snapper Regional Management Issues; and, any open discussions pertaining to Red Snapper Management issues.

—Recess—

Immediately following the Committee Recess will be the Informal Question & Answer Session on Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Issues.

Thursday, February 7, 2013

8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.—The Data Collection Committee will review a draft Framework Action to the Fishery Management Plans for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Coastal Migratory Pelagics of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Regions; review of Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Headboat Reporting in the South Atlantic Amendment; and discuss the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Commercial Logbook Report Amendment.

9:30 a.m.–10 a.m.—The Shrimp Committee will review the 2011 Cooperative Texas Closure, the Preliminary Effort Report for 2012, and the Status Report on Electronic Logbook Program.

10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.—The Ad Hoc Restoration Committee will review funds for Restoration Activities; and receive a summary of RESTORE Meetings.

—Recess—

Council

Thursday, February 7, 2013

10:30 a.m.—The Council meeting will begin with a Call to Order and Introductions.

10:35 a.m.–10:50 a.m.—The Council will review the agenda and approve the minutes.

10:50 a.m.–11:30 a.m.—The Council will discuss Other Business items, as such: receive an update of the Marine Resource Education Program; receive a summary from the HMS Advisory Panel Meeting; review of the HMS Amendment Comments; receive updates to Examinations and Certificates of Compliance; receive summaries from the following meetings attended by Council members and staff: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting, Gulf of Mexico Large Ecosystems Meeting, Episodic Events Workshop, Gulf of Mexico Alliance PIT and Kemp's Ridley Stock Assessment Workshop. The Council will also receive an update on Reorganization of Federal Fishing Regulations.

1 p.m.–1:15 p.m.—The Council will review Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP), if any.

1:15 p.m.–5 p.m.—The Council will receive public testimony on Framework Action to set the 2013 Red Snapper Quotas; the 2011 Cooperative Texas Shrimp Closures; Framework Action for Vermilion and Yellowtail Snapper ACL and Venting Tool Requirement; and Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs), if any. The Council will also hold an open public comment period regarding any other fishery issues or concerns. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

Friday, February 8, 2013

8:30 a.m.–9 a.m.—The Council will review and deem changes to the Proposed Rule for the Fishery Management Plan for Regulating Offshore Marine Aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico.

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.—The Council will vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (if any).

9:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.—The Council will receive committee reports from Data Collection, Shrimp, Ad Hoc Restoration, and Reef Fish. Review of Action Schedule items will follow from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

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 (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 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 Magnuson-Stevens Act, 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/time 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 Kathy Pereira at the Council Office (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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Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a workshop to examine possibilities to improve management strategy concepts and elements currently in use for the Pacific sardine fishery.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 5–8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, in the Edward W. “Ted” Scripps II Room of the Seaside Forum, 8610 Kennel Way, La Jolla, CA.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820–2280.