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**Doug Brown,**

*Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031606A]

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit; Extension of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice; scoping meetings; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains an extension to the comment period for a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed issuance of an incidental take and scoping meetings. The original notice was published May 17, 2006.

**DATES:** We must receive written comments on alternatives and issues to be addressed in the EIS by July 14, 2006. We will hold public scoping meetings on:

Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Avenue, Portland, OR from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at Portland City Hall, Lovejoy Room, 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. We will accept oral and written comments at these meetings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Zisa, USFWS, (360) 231-6961 or Ben Meyer, (NMFS), (503) 230-5425.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 17, 2006 (71 FR 28667), NMFS published a notice of scoping meetings. This document is extending the comment period through July 14, 2006. All other information contained in the document published May 17, 2006 has not been changed.

Dated: May 19, 2006.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) Scientific and Statistical Committee and Subcommittees.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SAFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and SSC Biological Subcommittee and Socioeconomic Subcommittee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The SAFMC will a meeting of its SSC, SSC Biological Subcommittee and Socioeconomic Subcommittee meeting to address federal fishery management issues. The meeting will be held in Coconut Grove, FL.

**DATES:** The meetings will take place on June 12-14, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Wyndham Grand Bay Hotel, 2669 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, FL 33133; telephone: (800) 996-3426 or (305) 858-9600, fax: (305) 859-2026.

*Council address:* 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 (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; e-mail: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the Council's scientific materials. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold meetings of its SSC, SSC Biological Subcommittee, and SSC Socioeconomic Subcommittee.

Items for discussion include: (1) Amendment 14 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) addressing the use of marine protected areas as a management tool for deepwater species, (2) Amendment 15

to the Snapper Grouper FMP addressing rebuilding schedules for snowy grouper, golden tilefish, black sea bass, and red porgy; recreational sale; permit issues (incorporation and 60-day renewal), size limits for queen triggerfish, and fishing year changes for golden tilefish, (3) Updated Red Porgy Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) assessment, (4) Cooperative research and fishery-independent sampling, (5) King mackerel mixing issues, (6) Stock assessments for species like snowy grouper, and (7) SAFMC Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and FEP Comprehensive Amendment.

1. *SSC Biological Subcommittee Meeting and SSC Socioeconomic Subcommittee Meeting (consecutive sessions), June 12, 2006, 3:15 p.m. - 6 p.m., June 13, 2006, 2:45 - 5 p.m., June 14, 2006, 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.*

The SSC Biological Subcommittee and SSC Socioeconomic Subcommittee will meet in consecutive sessions to review and provide recommendations to the SSC on fishery management issues as described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

2. *Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting, June 12, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m., on June 13, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon and 5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m., June 14, 2006, 11:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

The SSC will meet to review recommendations from its Biological Subcommittee and Socioeconomic Subcommittee on management issues as described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. The SSC will then provide recommendations for the SAFMC Snapper Grouper Committee, King and Spanish Mackerel Committee and Advisory Panel, and to the full Council.

These meetings will be held in conjunction with the SAFMC meeting June 12-16, 2006 at the same location.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 meetings.

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

Dated: May 19, 2006.

**James P. Burgess,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051706A]

#### Stock Assessment of Dusky Shark in the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the availability of a stock assessment report on dusky sharks in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, prepared by the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center. The stock assessment summarizes the relevant biological data, discusses the fisheries affecting the species, and details the data and methods used to assess stock status. Some recommendations were also made regarding future avenues of research and issues to consider in future stock assessments.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the report should be sent to Sarah McTee, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 301-713-1917 or phone 301-713-2347. Electronic copies of the stock assessment may also be obtained on the internet at: [http://www.sefscpanamalab.noaa.gov/shark/pdf/Dusky\\_Shark\\_Assessment.zip](http://www.sefscpanamalab.noaa.gov/shark/pdf/Dusky_Shark_Assessment.zip).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the methods, data, and results of the stock assessment, contact Eric Cortes by phone at (850) 234-6541 or by fax at (850) 235-3559.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The dusky shark (*Carcharhinus obscurus*) is one of 19 species for which retention is prohibited under the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks implemented and amended in 1999 and 2003, respectively. Due to potential

identification problems and catch data originating from a variety of sources, the magnitude of dusky shark catch has been difficult to ascertain. The dusky shark has not previously been individually assessed; however, low population growth rates, coupled with declines in both the catch per unit effort (CPUE) and size of individuals landed since the early 1990s, created concern that the dusky shark was being heavily exploited.

Using recent biological data on the growth and reproduction of dusky sharks, landing estimates from recreational and commercial fisheries, commercial bycatch estimates, four fishery-dependent and one fishery-independent relative abundance indices, a stock assessment was recently completed for the dusky shark. Results from the models used were very similar with all models showing the stock has been heavily exploited. The baseline analyses using surplus production models indicate that current depletions are over 80 percent of virgin biomass. The age-structured model provided the most optimistic results and indicated that the dusky shark population has been depleted by 62 to 80 percent of the unfished virgin biomass. The stock assessment summarizes the relevant biological data, discusses the fisheries affecting the species, and details the data and methods used to assess stock status. Some recommendations were also made regarding future avenues of research and issues to consider in future stock assessments.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 22, 2006.

**James P. Burgess,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Record of Decision for the Clinical and Biological Defense Program (CBDP) Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC), Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army, as executive agent for the CBDP, announces that a Record of Decision (ROD) has been signed documenting the decision to execute an integrated CBDP designed to

protect our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen from the evolving chemical and biological (CB) threats they may encounter on the battlefield. The CBDP does not pursue effective CB weapon capability and its execution is in full compliance with both international and domestic law including, but not limited to, the *Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction and the Biological Weapons Antiterrorism Act*. The FPEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the execution of the DoD CBDP. The No Action Alternative, continuation of current CBDP operations, was also evaluated. No other alternatives were identified during the public scoping process. Neither the selected action nor the No Action Alternative would result in the occurrence of significant adverse environmental impacts.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the ROD may be made to Ms. JoLane Souris, Command Environmental Coordinator, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Office of Surety, Safety, and Environmental, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5012 or by visiting the CBDP PEIS Web site at <http://chembioeis.detrack.army.mil>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. JoLane Souris, by calling (301) 619-2004; or by fax at (301) 619-6627.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Prior to 2003, the mission of the DoD CBDP was to provide CB defense capabilities to allow the military forces of the United States to survive and successfully complete their operational missions in battle space environments contaminated with CB warfare agents. Now this mission has expanded to cover military capability to operate in the face of threats in homeland security missions, as well as warfighter missions. If our military forces are not fully and adequately prepared to meet these threats, the consequences could be devastating. The CBDP to support this mission comprises research, development, and acquisition activities. Each of the Military Services, the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense, and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency conduct CBDP activities. Some of these CBDP activities necessarily involve the use of hazardous chemicals or infectious disease agents for research, development, and production purposes. The controls on and the potential environmental consequences of such use for both the proposed action and the alternative were primary focuses of the