

Election of Officials
Adoption of Agenda
Consideration of 121st Council Meeting
Verbatim Transcription
Executive Director's Report
Update on NOAA/NOS Integrated Coral
Reef Ecosystem Mapping Monitoring
Studies in the U.S. Caribbean - Mark
Monaco

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) Puerto
Rico - Maria del Mar Lopez
Update on Research: Trap Impacts on
Coral Reefs and Associated Habitats in
the USVI and Puerto Rico - Ron Hill
International Commission for the
Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
- Bill Hogarth
Billfish Strategies P.R. Update - Jamitza
Rodriguez

5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Administrative Committee Meeting
Advisory Panel (AP)/Scientific and
Statistical Committee/Habitat AP
Membership

Budget 2006, 2007
Other Business

August 16, 2006

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bycatch Strategies - Milagros Cartagena
Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics
Survey (MRFSS) Report Puerto Rico -
Zulena Cortes
Puerto Rico Fisheries from a Global
Perspective - Manual Valdes-Pizzini
Queen Conch Manual Proposal - Monica
Valle

Enforcement Reports

Puerto Rico
U.S. Virgin Islands
NOAA
U.S. Coast Guard

Administrative Committee
Recommendations (August 15, 2006
meeting)

Meetings Attended by Council Members
and Staff
Other Business
Next Council Meeting

The meetings are open to the public,
and will be conducted in English.
Fishers and other interested persons are
invited to attend and participate with
oral or written statements regarding
agenda issues.

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.
For more information or request for sign
language interpretation and/or other
auxiliary aids, please contact Mr.
Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director,
Caribbean Fishery Management Council,
268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108,
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577,
telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5
days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072606D]

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
August 14-17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held
at the Baton Rouge Marriott, 5500 Hilton
Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director,
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management
Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

12 noon - Convene.

12:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Receive public
testimony on "A Framework Measure to
Address the Bycatch Reduction
Criterion for Shrimp Trawls in the Gulf
of Mexico West of Cape San Blas,

Florida Under the Fishery Management
Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf
of Mexico Including Environmental
Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review,
and Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis,
as well as exempted fishing permits (if
any).

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Receive the
Reef Fish Committee Report.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Open public
comment period regarding any fishery
issue or concern.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Convene the
Southeast Data, Assessment, and
Review Panel (SEDAR) Selection
Committee and the Advisory Panel (AP)
Selection Committee (CLOSED
SESSION).

Thursday, August 17, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Continue with
the Reef Fish Committee Report.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Publicly report
the Council action on the SEDAR
Selection Committee and AP Selection
Committee/Council sessions.

9:45 a.m. - 12 noon - Receive the Joint
Reef Fish/Shrimp Committees Report.

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Receive the
Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem
Committee Report.

2 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Receive the
Administrative Policy Committee
Report.

2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Receive the
Migratory Species Committee Report.

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Receive the
Mackerel Committee Report.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Other Business
(Includes miscellaneous written reports
filed under Tabs O, P, Q, and R of
briefing book), as well as any special
announcements.

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Election of
Chairman and Vice Chairman

Committees

Monday, August 14, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Conduct an
Orientation Session for new Council
members.

1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish
Management Committee will meet to
receive a report on the Madison-
Swanson and Steamboat Lumps Marine
Protected Areas Monitoring Program by
NMFS and a status report on the
development of an Individual Fishing
Quota (IFQ) system for the grouper
fishery. The Committee will also review
stock assessments for greater amberjack,
vermillion snapper, gray triggerfish, and
gag along with recommendations from
the Scientific and Statistical Committee
(SSC) and Reef Fish AP. The Committee
will also consider scheduling stock
assessment updates for red snapper and
goliath grouper.

Tuesday, August 15, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committees will receive a report on the status and health of shrimp stocks in the Gulf, as well as a report from the Ad Hoc Shrimp Effort Working Group on the status of existing effort in the shrimp fishery and possible relationships to optimal effort. The Committee will also consider final action on a regulatory amendment to potentially change the bycatch reduction criterion for Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) used in shrimp trawls west of Cape San Blas, Florida. Finally, the Committee will consider approving Joint Amendment 27 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP)/Amendment 14 to the Shrimp FMP for public hearings.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. - The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will review and possibly approve the Ecosystem SSC's recommended budget for workshops and consider recommending an extension to the ecosystem budget into 2007.

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will meet to consider a proposed pool of non-government organizations (NGO's) that would be used to select representatives to future SEDAR workshops. The Committee will also review the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures' (SOPPs) provisions on the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - The Migratory Species Management Committee will receive a report from NMFS Headquarter on the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - The Mackerel Management Committee will review recommendations from the SSC regarding a report from a special scientific committee made up of scientists appointed by the Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC). This report includes recommendations regarding the stock assessment for king mackerel in the Gulf and Atlantic regions. The Committee will also consider the recommendations of the SAFMC regarding this report and other king mackerel issues.

The committee reports will be presented to the Council for consideration later on Wednesday and on Thursday, August 17, 2006.

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 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 Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 26, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072606C]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Advisory Panel in August, 2006, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft

Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500; fax: (978) 750-7959.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The panel will brief and review the Draft Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designation Management Alternatives for inclusion in the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2. The panel will also review continued work on the Advisory Panel gear description document/workshop. In addition, the panel will review development of recommendations to the Committee on Habitat Area of Particular Concern alternatives. Other topics may be covered at the committee and Advisory Panel's discretion.

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 listed 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 Accommodations

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

Dated: July 26, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the