

gear and effort specifications (*i.e.*, haul duration, number of nets, etc.) would be dependent upon the discretion of the vessel captains' typical fishing practices, but would remain within commercial regulations.

CFF is requesting an exemption from the minimum size possession restriction in the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) found at 50 CFR 648.93(a) to accurately sample all monkfish during these selected fishing trips. Funding for this research has been awarded under the Monkfish Research Set-Aside Program.

If approved, CFF may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the study period. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: September 25, 2018.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG498**

### Western 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 and hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its American Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Thursday, October 11, 2018, between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All times listed are local island times. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Native American Samoa Advisory Council Building, Pava'ia'i Village, Tutuila, American Samoa, 96799.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

### Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP Meeting

*Thursday, October 11, 2018, 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report on Previous Advisory Panel Recommendations
3. Council Issues
  - A. Precious Corals Essential Fish Habitat Refinement Options
  - B. Update on Aquaculture Management
  - C. Specification of American Samoa Bottomfish MUS Annual Catch Limits for Fishing Year 2019
4. American Samoa FEP Community Activities
5. American Samoa FEP AP Issues
  - A. Report of the Subpanels
    - i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
    - ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
    - iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
    - iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel
  - B. Other Issues
6. Public Comment
7. Discussion and Recommendations
8. Other Business

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: September 25, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG496**

### 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 (Council) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in Charleston, SC. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SSC will meet 1 p.m.–5:30 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 16, 2018; and 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Hwy., Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (800) 334-6660 or (843) 571-1000; fax: (843) 766-9444.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following agenda items will be addressed by the SSC during the meeting:

1. Updates on Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) projects; approve the terms of reference, schedule, and identify participants for the Gulf and South Atlantic Scamp Research Track; and approve the terms of reference for the South Atlantic golden Tilefish and Snowy Grouper assessments.

2. Review the findings of a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission selectivity study for Red Snapper, determine if they are the best scientific information available, and provide recommendations for including these findings into the Interim Analysis for Red Snapper.

3. Update on ongoing research from NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center.

4. Update on the Southeast Reef Fish Survey results from the 2018 sampling year.

5. Review revised Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) recreational catch estimates for Council managed stocks and consider approaches for revising Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations for unassessed stocks.

6. Review the revised SEDAR assessments for Vermilion Snapper, Black Sea Bass, Blueline Tilefish and Red Grouper using the revised MRIP catch data; apply the ABC Control Rule and provide fishing level recommendations; and discuss uncertainties and changes due to revised MRIP numbers.

7. Review the ABC Control Rule Amendment and analyses, including example application of risk tolerance levels.

8. Review the methodology for a new bag and size limit analysis and the findings of the workgroup; discuss uncertainties and determine if this analysis is best scientific information available and useful for management.

9. Consider forming a workgroup for the SSC to provide input on the South Atlantic Ecosystem Model.

10. Receive updates and progress reports on ongoing Council amendments and activities.

The meeting is open to the public and will also be available via webinar as it occurs. Webinar registration is required. Information regarding webinar registration will be posted to the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meetings/> as it becomes available. The meeting agenda, briefing book materials, and online comment form will be posted to the Council's website two weeks prior to the meeting. Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2018.

Multiple opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings. Open comment periods will be provided at the start of the meeting and near the conclusion. Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize

individuals to provide comment. Additional opportunities for comment on specific agenda items will be provided, as each item is discussed, between initial presentations, and SSC discussion. Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: September 25, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### BroadbandUSA Webinar Series

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting; date changes.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), as part of its BroadbandUSA program, announced a series of webinars to engage the public and stakeholders with information to accelerate broadband connectivity, improve digital inclusion, strengthen policies and support local priorities in a notice published on July 17, 2018.

This notice provides new dates for the November 2018 and December 2018 webinars.

**DATES:** BroadbandUSA will hold a webinar on November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** This is a virtual meeting. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website, <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/event>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine Sloan, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4872, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-8231; email: [broadbandusawebinars@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:broadbandusawebinars@ntia.doc.gov). Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002; email [press@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:press@ntia.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 17, 2018, NTIA published a Notice announcing that it would host a series of webinars through its BroadbandUSA program on a monthly basis to engage the public and stakeholders with information to accelerate broadband connectivity, improve digital inclusion, strengthen policies and support local priorities. See NTIA, BroadbandUSA Webinar Series, Notice of open meetings—webinar series, 83 FR 33211 (July 17, 2018). In the original notice, NTIA announced that the webinars would be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the third Wednesday of every month, beginning October 17, 2018 and continuing through September 18, 2019. Through this notice, NTIA corrects the dates for the November 2018 and December 2018 webinars as November 14, 2018, and December 12, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time, respectively. All other information remains the same.

Dated: September 25, 2018.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

*Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### International Work Sharing

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required