

6. Additional subdivisions of the commercial, hook-and-line allocation of TAC for Gulf group king mackerel by area and/or season for both the Florida west coast and the Western Zone (Alabama through Texas).

7. Possible trip limits for vessels fishing for Gulf group king mackerel in the Western Zone.

8. Further restrictions on the use of net gear to harvest Gulf group king mackerel off the Florida west coast.

9. Possible changes to the minimum size limit for Gulf group king mackerel (currently 20-inches fork length) and establishment of a maximum size limit or both a minimum and maximum, i.e. a slot limit.

10. Consideration of re-establishing an annual allocation of Gulf group Spanish mackerel for the purse seine fishery.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Red Snapper Advisory Panel (RSAP), Reef Fish

Advisory Panel (RFAP), and Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows: RSAP October 27, 1997, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; SSC October 28, 1997, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; RFAP October 31, 1997, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the at the Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609; telephone 813-289-8200.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida, 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815, extension 227.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RSAP will review a 1997 NMFS stock assessment for red snapper and, optionally, a stock assessment for gag (grouper), and available biological information on gray triggerfish. The RFAP will also review reports on the above species from the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP), and the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP). Based on these reports, the RSAP will make recommendations for total allowable catch (TAC) of red snapper in 1998 and other management measures. The RSAP will also be asked to develop recommendations for controlling recreational harvest of red snapper in order to prevent a closure of the recreational fishery when the recreational quota is reached. The RSAP may also make recommendations for management measures for gag and gray triggerfish.

The RSAP may review Draft Amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico. This amendment contains proposed management measures for fish traps, minor amberjack species (lesser amberjack, banded rudderfish, and Almaco jack), species listed as not in the management unit, compatible size and bag limits with Florida for several reef fish species, management measures for speckled hind and warsaw grouper in response to those species having been added to the candidate list of species for possible listing as threatened or endangered, and changes to the method of allocating TAC among user groups.

The SSC will review the stock assessments for red snapper and gag, available biological information on gray triggerfish, and the reports from the RFSAP and the SEP. The SSC will

provide recommendations to the Council on the scientific merits of these reports; and it may recommend levels for TAC, bag limits, size limits, commercial quotas, and other measures for red snapper and gag for the 1998 season. The SSC could also recommend future management measures or research/data needs for gray triggerfish.

In addition, the SSC will review Draft Amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico. The SSC may provide recommendations to the Council on the scientific merits of the alternatives contained in this amendment as noted above.

The Reef Fish (RFAP) will review a 1997 NMFS stock assessment for gag, available biological information on gray triggerfish, and optionally, a 1997 stock assessment for red snapper. The RFAP will also review reports on the above species from the RFSAP, and the SEP. Based on these reports, the RFAP may make recommendations to the Council for a TAC of gag in 1998 and possibly other management measures. The RFAP may also recommend future management measures for gray triggerfish. The RFAP may also make recommendations for 1998 gag TAC and other management measures. Optionally, the RFAP may make recommendations for TAC of red snapper in 1998 and other management measures for red snapper. In addition, the RFAP will review the previously mentioned alternatives in Draft Amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico.

Based on recommendations from the above meetings, the Council, at its November meeting in Longboat Key, Florida, will decide if changes are needed to the red snapper TAC and possibly other management measures for red snapper. The Council will also determine if a TAC or additional management measures are needed for gag, or if future management measures or additional research/data are needed for gray triggerfish. The Council will also review and modify Draft Amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for an enhancement permit (1094) and modification 3 to enhancement permit 895.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Olympia, WA (WDFW) has applied in due form for a permit and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Walla Walla, WA (Corps) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit that would provide authorization for takes of an endangered anadromous fish species and a take of a threatened anadromous fish species for the purpose of enhancement.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on either of these applications must be received on or before November 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Protected Resources Division in Portland, OR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: WDFW requests a permit and the Corps requests

a modification to a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

WDFW (1094) requests a 5-year permit for an annual direct take of adult and juvenile, endangered, upper Columbia River steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with hatchery supplementation programs in the mid and upper Columbia River Basin. WDFW operates three major hatchery complexes that carry out ESA-listed steelhead trout hatchery supplementation efforts: Wells, Eastbank, and Priest Rapids. The activities proposed are: (1) The capture and release of migrating adult steelhead trout at Priest Rapids Dam for stock status evaluation purposes, (2) the trapping and removal of ESA-listed adult steelhead trout for hatchery broodstock, (3) the holding and artificial spawning of ESA-listed adults, (4) the incubation of fertilized eggs and the rearing of ESA-listed juvenile fish, and (5) the transportation and releases of ESA-listed juvenile fish from the hatchery programs. WDFW believes that the artificial propagation of ESA-listed steelhead trout as proposed will benefit the species by enhancing the population, which currently is not replacing itself naturally.

Permit 895 authorizes the Corps annual direct and incidental takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*); adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the operation of the Juvenile Fish Transportation Program at four hydroelectric projects on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest (Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and McNary Dams). The Corps requests modification 3 to enhancement permit 895 for an increase in the annual incidental take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with adult fallbacks through the juvenile fish bypass systems at the four dams. Each year, a percentage of adult salmon inadvertently move downstream after entering the juvenile fish bypass systems at the dams. These adult salmon are then directed back to the river to continue their upstream migration. An increase in the annual incidental take of ESA-listed adult

salmon is requested because of the large number of migrating adults in 1997. Also, it is possible that this year's extremely high runoff is resulting in a higher rate of adult salmon fallbacks. A corresponding increase in ESA-listed adult salmon incidental mortalities are also requested. Modification 3 is requested to be valid for the duration of permit 895. Permit 895 expires on December 31, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see ADDRESSES) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on either of these applications would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bangladesh

October 7, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.