

implement the broad management goals of the MMPA, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act.

Alternative 3: Modified Plan, with Marine Mammal Bycatch Limit for the Drift Gillnet Fishery

This alternative would modify the Team's draft plan to include a marine mammal bycatch limit for the drift gillnet fishery. Under this alternative, the following combination of measures are proposed for the drift gillnet fishery: (1) Limited entry to the drift gillnet fishery, (2) prohibition of drift gillnet gear south of Hudson Canyon year-round, (3) prohibition on the use of drift gillnet gear from November 1 through July 31, (4) 100 percent marine mammal observer coverage, (5) mandatory education workshops for all vessel operators, and (6) a per-vessel marine mammal bycatch limit. The longline fishery would be subject to the same regulations specified in Alternative 2, with the following exceptions: (1) The areas subject to regulation would be expanded to include the Northeast Coastal area and (2) educational workshops would be mandatory for all vessel operators.

Alternative 4: Modified Plan, with Prohibition of Drift Gillnet Gear

This alternative would modify the team's draft plan to include a ban on the use of drift gillnet gear to target swordfish, tuna, and shark, except where otherwise authorized (i.e., the southeast U.S. shark gillnet fishery). This alternative would adopt the longline fishery take reduction strategies outlined in Alternative 3.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102797C]

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 (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Florida/

Alabama Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20, 1997, and is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: 813-281-8900.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Rester, Habitat Specialist, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; telephone: 601-875-5912.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At this meeting, the AP will discuss an update on the Fenholloway River, and the expansion of U.S. 1 in Monroe County. The AP will also hear reports on the status of completion of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) guidelines being developed by NMFS; and of completion of a generic amendment by the Council which describes EFH as required by the Sustainable Fisheries Act. An overview of the Florida Marine Research Institute's mapping of fisheries habitat, and an update of the status of artificial reefs in Florida will also be presented.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal AP action during this meeting. AP action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by November 13, 1997.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting 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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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Habitat Committee and Habitat Research and Monitoring Subgroup, Joint Habitat Committee and Habitat Advisory Panel chairmen and agency representatives to the Habitat Advisory Panel, Marine Reserves Committee, Information and Education (I & E) Committee, Mackerel Committee, Scientific and Statistical Selection Committee (CLOSED SESSION), Advisory Panel Selection Committee (CLOSED SESSION), Personnel Committee (CLOSED SESSION), Snapper Grouper Committee, and a Scoping Meeting of the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program. A Council Session will also be held.

DATES: The meetings will be held from November 17-21, 1997. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment Marine Laboratory, 135 Duke Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, NC 28516; telephone: (919) 504-7504.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520; email:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

November 17, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Habitat Committee/Habitat Research and Monitoring Subgroup;

The Committee will observe the Subgroup workshop. The Subgroup will review present research efforts to identify and describe essential fish habitat and determine fishery and non-fishery impacts on these habitats and discuss the structure of the research section of the Habitat Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

November 17, 1997, 5:00 p.m. until all business is complete —Atlantic Coastal

Cooperative Statistics Program Scoping Meeting;

The purpose of this scoping meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to express their views on ways to improve commercial and recreational fisheries data collection.

November 18, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Joint Habitat Committee and Habitat Advisory Panel chairmen and state & Federal representatives to the Habitat Advisory Panel;

The Committee, chairmen and representatives will review the status of the Habitat FMP and comprehensive Habitat Amendment, review fishing threats to essential fish habitat, determine fishery impacts on habitat, and develop management options for the Habitat FMP.

November 18, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Marine Reserves Committee;

The Committee will review recent activities in the country that have focused on marine reserves, such as meetings, workshops and research, review the status of the Oculina Bank closed area, hear a report from NMFS law enforcement on fishing vessel monitoring systems and the potential for enforcing marine reserves, and discuss a Council approach for addressing marine reserves in the South Atlantic.

November 18, 1997, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Information and Education (I & E) Committee;

The Committee will review current Council I & E activities, hear an overview of the NMFS Southeast Regional Office plan for fishery I & E activities, and discuss additional and/or future I & E activities.

November 19, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Mackerel Committee;

The Committee will review items for Amendment 9 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP proposed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, discuss the Gulf Council's response to the South Atlantic Council's request for true lead in dolphin and wahoo management, and hear the status of Amendment 8 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP and the 1997-98 framework seasonal adjustments.

November 19, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.—Scientific and Statistical Selection (SSC) Committee (CLOSED SESSION);

The Committee will review resumes and develop recommendations for appointment to SSC.

November 19, 1997, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Advisory Panel Selection Committee (CLOSED SESSION);

The Committee will review applications and develop recommendations for appointments to advisory panels.

November 19, 1997, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Personnel Committee (CLOSED SESSION);

The Committee will discuss Council personnel issues.

November 20, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Snapper Grouper Committee;

The Committee will hear status reports on Amendments 8 and 9 to the Snapper Grouper FMP, hear stock assessment reports on scamp and vermilion snapper species, hear the snapper grouper logbook report, a report on the economic survey results, and review special management zone requests and develop recommendations.

November 20, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee continued;

November 20, 1997, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Council Session;

The full Council will convene to hear comments from Rear Admiral Norman T. Saunders, Commander of the 7th Coast Guard District, and to begin development of the Magnuson-Stevens Act Generic Amendment (the Council will review definitions of overfishing and rebuilding timeframes for each FMP, develop new definitions and rebuilding timeframes where required, and review other Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements).

November 21, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Council Session;

The full Council will convene to hear committee reports at the following times.

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.—Habitat Committee report;

The Council will approve Habitat Amendment management options.

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee report;

The Council will take action on special management zone requests.

9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.—Marine Reserves Committee report;

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.—Mackerel Committee report;

The Council will take action on Gulf Council proposed actions for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 9.

10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—I & E Committee report;

11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.—SSC Selection Committee report (CLOSED SESSION);

The Council will approve new SSC members.

11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.—Advisory Panel Selection Committee report (CLOSED SESSION);

The Council will approve new advisory panel members.

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Personnel Committee report (CLOSED SESSION);

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Council will hear a report from the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service on the Federal aid program and the South Florida restoration project; modify the Bycatch Reduction Device Protocol; hear reports on the status of the investigation of the four golden crab permits; the golden crab framework action; the Operations Plan meeting, the Dolphin/Wahoo FMP request; progress of the Calico Scallop FMP development; the Highly Migratory Species longline Advisory Panel meeting; the Highly Migratory Species billfish advisory Panel meeting; and the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program before making Council recommendations. The Council will also hear agency and liaison reports and discuss other business.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council/Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council/Committee action during this meeting. Council/Committee action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed 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 the Council office (see ADDRESSES) by November 10, 1997.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Macau**

October 29, 1997.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen L. LeGrande, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and