

Because deadlines in a sunset review are, in many instances, very short, we urge interested parties to apply for access to proprietary information under administrative protective order ("APO") immediately following publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation of the sunset review. The Department's regulations on submission of proprietary information and eligibility to receive access to business proprietary information under APO can be found at 19 CFR 351.304–306.

Information Required from Interested Parties

Domestic interested parties (defined in 19 CFR 351.102) wishing to participate in this sunset review must respond not later than 15 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation by filing a notice of intent to participate. The required contents of the notice of intent to participate are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(ii). In accordance with the Department's regulations, if we do not receive a notice of intent to participate from at least one domestic interested party by the 15-day deadline, the Department will automatically revoke the order without further review.

If we receive an order-specific notice of intent to participate from a domestic interested party, the Department's regulations provide that *all parties* wishing to participate in the sunset review must file substantive responses not later than 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the notice of initiation. The required contents of a substantive response, on an order-specific basis, are set forth at 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3). Note that certain information requirements differ for respondent and domestic interested parties. Also, note that the Department's information requirements are distinct from the International Trade Commission's information requirements. Please consult the Department's regulations for information regarding the Department's conduct of sunset reviews.¹ Please consult the Department's regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 for definitions of terms and for other general information concerning antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at the Department.

¹ A number of parties commented that these interim-final regulations provided insufficient time for rebuttals to substantive responses to a notice of initiation, 19 CFR 351.218(d)(4). As provided in 19 CFR 351.302(b), the Department will consider individual requests for extension of that five-day deadline based upon a showing of good cause.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c).

Dated: May 27, 2003.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052703D]

Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 2003, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the MAFMC Office, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE; telephone: 302–674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302–674–2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to make quota and management measure recommendations for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish fisheries for the 2004 fishing year.

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 MAFMC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other

auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 28, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052703C]

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 meetings of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), a joint meeting of its SSC and Snapper Grouper Committee, a meeting of its Snapper Grouper Committee, and a joint meeting of its Mackerel Committee and Advisory Panel. In addition, two public hearings will be held as part of the meeting: (1) Regarding Snapper Grouper Amendment 13A addressing the Oculina Experimental Closed Area and, (2) the Gulf of Mexico Council's Regulatory Amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel FMP) and other possible framework actions in the south Atlantic. Additional public comment periods will be held on these issues during the meeting week. There will also be a full Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held in June 2003. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton CocoaBeach Oceanfront Hotel, 1550 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931; telephone: (1–800) 526–2609 or (321) 799–0003.

Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 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 at

866/SAFMC-10; fax: 843-769-4520;
email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. *Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting: June 16, 2003, 1:30 p.m.-5 p.m.*

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will receive a report on the results of the Subcommittee meeting on the red porgy, vermilion snapper & black sea bass stock assessments and discuss and develop recommendations for the Council. In addition, the Committee will receive a presentation on mackerel stock assessments and develop recommendations regarding those assessments.

Note: A public hearing will be held as part of the meeting on Monday, June 16, 2003 at 6 p.m. regarding Amendment 13A to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan. This Amendment addresses options pertaining to the Oculina Experimental Close Area off the central East Coast of Florida. Copies of the public hearing document can be obtained at the Council office or on the Council's web site at www.safmc.net.

2. *Joint Snapper Grouper Committee and SSC Meeting: June 17, 2003, 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.*

During the joint meeting, the Committee and SSC will discuss and develop recommendations for the Council on Amendment 13A to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will also discuss the red porgy, vermilion snapper and black sea bass stock assessments and a program to fill data gaps in the assessments. Additionally, the Committee will discuss and develop recommendations for the Southeastern Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process.

3. *Snapper Grouper Committee: June 17, 2003, 1:30 p.m. 5 p.m. and June 18, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.*

The Committee will review Snapper Grouper Amendments 13A regarding the Oculina Experimental Closed Area and develop recommendations to the Council. The Committee will then review material from NOAA Fisheries regarding Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) requirements and make recommendations to the Council for the draft version of Amendment 13B to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan that includes options to address mandates outlined in the SFA. The Committee will also receive an update on the status of the development of Amendment 14 to the Snapper Grouper

Fishery Management Plan regarding the use of Marine Protected Areas as a fishery management tool.

4. *Joint King & Spanish Mackerel Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting: June 18, 2003, 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and June 19, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.*

The Mackerel Committee will meet jointly with the Advisory Panel to receive an overview of the Mackerel Stock Assessment, review comments from the Scientific and Statistical Committee and develop framework recommendations.

Note: On June 19, 2003, beginning at 8:30 a.m., the Council will hold a public hearing on the Gulf of Mexico Council's Regulatory Amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic and any other framework action(s) proposed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

Following the public hearing, the Committee and Advisory Panel will review the Gulf Council's Regulatory Amendment as well as comments from NOAA Fisheries, the SSC and the public. During the meeting the Committee and AP will develop recommendations for the Council to consider. In addition, they will begin to develop the Mackerel Amendment 15 scoping document and modify as needed.

5. *Council Session: June 19, 2003, 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.*

From 1:30 p.m.—1:45 p.m., the Council will have a Call to Order, introductions and roll call, adoption of the agenda, and approval of the March 2003 meeting minutes.

From 1:45 p.m.—2:15 p.m., the Council will conduct an election for Vice-Chairman and have presentations.

From 2:15 p.m.—4:15 p.m., The Council will hear a report from the Snapper Grouper Committee. Beginning at 2:15 p.m., a public comment period will be held for Snapper Grouper Amendment 13A. Following public comment, the Council will approve Amendment 13A.

From 4:15 p.m.—5:30 p.m., The Council will hear a report from the Mackerel Committee. Beginning at 4:15 p.m., a public comment period will be held on the Gulf of Mexico Council's Regulatory Amendment for the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (Mackerel FMP). Following the public comment period, the Council will take action on the Gulf Council's Regulatory Amendment. In addition, the Council will take any

necessary framework actions for the south Atlantic.

6. *Council Session: June 20, 2003, 8:30 a.m.—12 noon*

From 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m., the Council will receive legal briefing on litigation affecting the Council (CLOSED SESSION).

From 9:30 a.m.—10 a.m., the Council will receive a report on the project, "Identifying Fishery Dependent Communities in the South Atlantic."

From 10 a.m.—10:30 a.m., the Council will hear a report regarding the Joint Information and Education Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting.

From 10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., the Council will receive a report on the Council Chairman's meeting.

From 10:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m., the Council will hear NOAA Fisheries status reports on Shrimp Amendment 5 implementation, the Sargassum FMP, the Dolphin Wahoo FMP, the SEDAR Committee Process, Operations Plan and implementation of the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) implementation. NOAA Fisheries will also give status reports on landings for Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper & golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack and south Atlantic octocorals.

From 11:15 a.m.—12 noon, the Council will hear agency and liaison reports, discuss other business and upcoming meetings.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see ADDRESSES).

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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 June 12, 2003.

Dated: May 28, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[ID. 051903C]

Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). This EFP application applies to vessels with valid California State delivery permits, fishing for flatfish with an experimental small footrope trawl net in Federal waters off the State of California. If awarded, this EFP would allow qualifying vessels to catch and retain groundfish in closed rockfish conservation areas (RCAs) and to retain groundfish species in excess of cumulative trip limits, providing the vessels carry state-sponsored samplers. Samplers would monitor vessel activity and collect data that are otherwise not available shoreside. This EFP proposal is intended to promote the objectives of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) by providing data that can be used to enhance management of the groundfish fishery.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EFP application are available from Becky Renko, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Renko at (206) 526-6140 or Carrie Nordeen at (206) 526-6144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is authorized by the FMP and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 660.350.

If awarded, this EFP would allow qualifying vessels to catch and retain groundfish in the Trawl RCA and to

retain groundfish species in excess of cumulative trip limits, providing the vessels carry state-sponsored samplers and use gear that meets the requirements specified by CDFG. Samplers will monitor fishing activities and collect data that are otherwise not available shoreside.

The purpose of this exempted fishing activity would be to collect data on the rate at which unintended species, particularly overfished shelf rockfish (bocaccio and canary rockfish), are taken by commercial fishers targeting flatfish in Federal waters off the State of California using an experimental trawl net. Fishers will be required to use the experimental small footrope trawl net and will be restricted to areas outside of 3 miles and in less than 100 fathoms (183 meters) of water. If the EFP is issued, approximately 22 vessels would be eligible to participate, with no more than 6 vessels participating at one time. The fishing period for the EFP would be the from July 1 through October 31, 2003.

Flatfish species are abundant and commercially important off California, however, the harvest of these species is constrained by efforts to rebuild overfished species, particularly bocaccio and canary rockfish. In 2001 and 2002, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) chartered commercial fishing vessels to develop and test new trawl net designs. Testing was conducted to compare new trawl net configurations with those that are typically used in the groundfish fishery. During the initial testing, a gear configuration similar to the design that is proposed for use under this EFP had significant reductions in the catch of overfished rockfish species relative to the catch of flatfish species. This EFP is similar to an EFP that was issued to ODFW earlier this year. (68 FR, 19518, April 21, 2003) Because this gear design meets the requirements of small footrope bottom trawl gear, as defined by regulations at 50 CFR part 660, it is currently legal to use for fishing and it could become an effective way for fishery participants to reduce rockfish bycatch in the flatfish fishery. Vessels participating under this EFP must submit a net plan and use only gear that is consistent with the specified requirements for EFP fishing.

Data collected during this project are expected to benefit the management of the groundfish fishery by: (1) providing catch rates by fishing location of species incidentally caught with the experimental net, (2) allowing for the collection of biological data that is otherwise not available from landed catch, and (3) providing data that can be

used to evaluate the full retention of rockfish as a management approach. The information gathered through this EFP may lead to future rulemaking.

The flatfish limits for limited entry trawl gear south of 40° 10' N lat., as currently published in the **Federal Register**, will be available to EFP participants who may fish for these limits within the Trawl RCA as well as in areas not within the Trawl RCA. If the limits are lowered later in the year through an inseason adjustment, the current limits will still be allowed under the EFP. The total amount (discard plus retained) of flatfish allowed to be taken under this EFP is not expected to exceed 381 metric tons (mt) and the total amount (discard plus retained) of petrale sole is not expected to exceed 54 mt. The EFP fishing will be constrained by the following EFP limits for overfished species: bocaccio rockfish 0.5 mt, cowcod 0.5 mt, yelloweye rockfish 0.5 mt, canary rockfish 0.5 mt, widow rockfish 0.5 mt, darkblotched rockfish 0.5 mt, and Pacific ocean perch 0.5 mt. If the total catch during the period of time in which the EFP is conducted of any one of these overfished species reaches the EFP limit, the EFP will be terminated for the remainder of the 2003 fishing year. All harvests are expected to be within set asides for 2003 EFP harvests and, therefore, no optimum yield of overfished species is expected to be exceeded.

In accordance with regulations, NMFS determined that the proposal warranted further consideration and, therefore, consulted with the Council. The Council considered the EFP application during its April 2003 meeting and recommended that NMFS issue the EFP. Contingent on review of public comments, NMFS intends to approve the EFP fishing. A copy of the application is available for review from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

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

Dated: May 27, 2003.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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