

provided a 60-day comment period, ending on March 5, 2012. Public meetings were held in Bayside, CA on January 31, Willits, CA on February 1, and Brookings, OR on February 2. Public meetings are planned for Medford, OR on February 15 and Yreka, CA on a date to be determined. The date will be posted on the NMFS Southwest Region Web site: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/recovery>.

NMFS received requests for an extension of the public comment period. In response to these requests, we are extending the comment period for the proposed action an additional 60 days. Information and comments must be received by May 4, 2012.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: February 7, 2012.

Angela Somma,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA995

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will hold a meeting, via conference call, of its Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory subpanel (CPSAS). The meeting is open to the public, via a public listening station at the Pacific Council offices.

DATES: The conference call will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific Time.

ADDRESSES: A listening station will be available at the Pacific Council offices, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the joint conference call is to consider any CPS-related fisheries research proposals that will require an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) from NMFS. At its March meeting, the Pacific

Council will consider adopting for public review any proposals that are submitted. The CPSMT and CPSAS will discuss any EFP proposals, and may develop statements to be included in the March Pacific Council meeting record. In addition, two terms of reference (TOR) documents, guiding methodology reviews and stock assessment reviews, will be considered. Those two documents are newly merged versions of existing TORs, intended to guide both groundfish and CPS review procedures. Both TORs will be considered at the March Pacific Council meeting.

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 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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 7, 2012.

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

RIN 0648-XA996

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Stephen Bortone, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Meeting was formed via motions passed by both the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council “* * * to explore approaches to move the Goliath Grouper beyond the moratorium and collect information to support an informative assessment that will determination of stock status and possible recovery.” Items to be considered in the agenda are: an overview presentation of previous stock assessments, a discussion on what data will be needed, how these data should be collected, Terms of Reference (TOR) revision, establish a process for a workshop (charge to workshop; timeline), nominations for potential panelists for a workshop, expected products from workshop activities, and a discussion of future activities by the Steering Committee.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630 or can be downloaded from the Council's *ftp site*, <ftp.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Councils intent to take 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

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

Dated: February 7, 2012.

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

RIN 0648-XA994

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.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a conference call of its Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC).

DATES: The conference call will take place Tuesday, February 28, 2012. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. and will conclude by 4 p.m. Pacific Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call, with a public listening station available at the Pacific Council offices.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purposes of the conference call are to discuss a draft request for proposals, and to continue planning for a report to the Pacific Council at its April 2012 meeting in Seattle, WA. Other topics may be discussed as time allows, at the discretion of the Chair.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the EFHRC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal EFHRC action during this meeting. EFHRC 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been

notified of the EFHRC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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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

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Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Advisory Panel (AP) will hold meetings.

DATES: The SSC will meet on March 14-15, 2012. The AP will meet on March 15, 2012, concurrently with the SSC during the morning session, and then will meet separately during the afternoon session to discuss the three presentations given during the morning session. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Tartak St., Carolina, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

March 14, 2012—9 a.m.

Call to order

Roll Call

Monitoring of ACLs

1. SSC Review of fishery monitoring programs <http://www.mragamericas.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/MRAG-EDF->

Guiding-Principles-for-Monitoring-Programs-FINAL.pdf

- a. How to apply this to ACL monitoring
 - b. Timeliness (e.g. 60 days for data submission)
 - c. Minimum data to be collected
 - d. Commercial and recreational landings
 - e. Guidance that can or should be used
 - f. What is optimal
 - g. Recommendations form the SSC on how to monitor ACLs
2. Establish Research Needs Subcommittee to address priority research needs for the next 5 years. Update on status of overfished species and issues affecting rebuilding of specific species/species units.
 3. Deep Water Queen Conch Assessment

Joint Meeting SSC and AP

March 15, 2012—9 a.m.—12 noon

4. Review of SEDAR 26 Complete Assessment Reports for queen and silk snappers and red tail parrotfish (http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/Sedar_Workshops.jsp?WorkshopNum=26)
5. Discussion of options paper on parrotfish size and trip limits
6. Data needs and recommendations on study design to determine status of parrotfish populations on St. Croix
7. Review information needs for SEDAR 30 (2012) including recommendations on how to gather information on species designated for assessment: blue tang, queen triggerfish

March 15, 2012—1 p.m.—5 p.m.—SSC meeting continues

Old business
New business
Next meeting
Adjourn

The AP will reconvene during the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss the three presentations given during the morning session.

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Simultaneous interpretation (English/Spanish) will be provided for the AP meeting. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other