

Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact with respect to a request from East Kentucky Power Cooperative for financing assistance from RUS to finance the construction of the J.K. Smith Unit 5 Combustion Turbine and a 12 mile, 138 kV electric transmission line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Quigel, Environmental Protection Specialist, Engineering and Environmental Staff, RUS, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-0468, e-mail at bquigel@rus.usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The J.K. Smith Unit 5 Combustion Turbine will be installed adjacent to existing combustion turbines located at East Kentucky Power Cooperative's J.K. Smith Combustion Turbine Site located in Clark County, Kentucky, approximately 9 miles southeast of Winchester on Kentucky Highway 89. The combustion turbine will be fired by natural gas or #2 fuel oil. Natural gas will be supplied by an existing natural gas pipeline on site. Fuel oil will be trucked to the site and stored in a 4 million gallon storage tank located on the site. Twelve miles of 138 kV electric transmission line will need to be constructed to tie the power output of Unit 5 to East Kentucky Power Cooperative's electric transmission grid. The transmission line will begin at the J.K. Smith Combustion Turbine Site and traverse in a southerly direction into Madison County, Kentucky.

Copies of the Finding of No Significant Impact are available from RUS at the address provided herein or from Jeff Hohman, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, PO Box 707, Winchester, Kentucky 40391, telephone (606) 744-4812.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

**Blaine D. Stockton,**

*Assistant Administrator, Electric Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030701B]

### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management 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 Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on March 26-30, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: 334-438-4000.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Council

##### March 28

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m.—12 noon—Receive public testimony on the Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium Amendment. Persons who will testify must turn in a registration card before the start of the testimony period on Wednesday.

1:30 p.m.—4 p.m.—Continue public testimony if needed.

4 p.m.—5:30 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)—Receive a report of the Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection Committee.

##### March 29

8:30 a.m.—8:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the AP Selection Committee and the SSC Selection Committee.

8:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committees.

1:30 p.m.—2:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

2:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

##### March 30

8:30 a.m.—9 a.m.—Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee.

9 a.m.—9:15 a.m.—Receive the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison report.

9:15 a.m.—9:30 a.m.—Receive the Mid-Term Council Chairmen's Meeting report.

9:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.—Receive the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Advisory Committee report.

9:45 a.m.—10 a.m.—Receive the Gulf & South Atlantic Fishery Foundation Bycatch Workshop report.

10:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—Receive enforcement reports.

10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

10:45 a.m.—11 a.m.—Other Business  
March 26

8 a.m.—10 a.m. (CLOSED SESSION)—Convene the the AP Selection Committee to develop its recommendations to the Council on appointment of AP members.

10 a.m.—12 noon (CLOSED SESSION)—Convene the SSC Selection Committee to develop its recommendations to the Council on appointment of SSC, stock assessment panel (SAP), and socioeconomic panel (SEP) members.

1 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to select preferred alternatives on Reef Fish Amendment 18 Options Paper and hear a legal opinion on individual fishing quota (IFQ) development.

##### March 27

8 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee and the Mackerel Management Committee to develop recommendations to the Council for final action on the Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium Amendment. The Council will hear their report and take final action on Thursday, March 29.

1 a.m.—2:30 p.m.—Continue the joint meeting of the Reef Fish Management Committee and the Mackerel Management Committee if necessary.

2:30 p.m.—4 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to discuss Shrimp Amendment 10 Options Paper.

4 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to discuss control rule risk levels.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

A copy of the Committee schedule and agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 228-2815.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are 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 March 19, 2001.

Dated: March 7, 2001.

**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****National Sea Grant Review Panel**

**AGENCY:** National Sea Grant College Program, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, DOC.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Sea Grant Review Panel. The meeting will have several purposes. Panel members will discuss and provide advice on the National Sea Grant College Program in the areas of program evaluation, education and extension, science and technology programs, and other matters as described below:

**DATES:** The announced meeting is scheduled during two days: Sunday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** (To be held in conjunction with the national "Sea Grant Week" Meetings, March 25-28, 2001), Crowne Plaza Hotel, 130 Shipyard Drive, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29928, Telephone: (843) 842-2400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Francis M. Schuler, Designated Federal Official, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-2445.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Panel, which consists of a balanced representation from academia, industry, state, government and citizens groups, was established in 1976 by section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Pub. L. 94-461, 33 U.S.C. 1128). The Panel advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the Act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to

them for review and advice. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

**Sunday, March 25, 2001**

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Panel Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Review of the National Sea Grant Office, NOAA

Implementation Committee—Sea Grant Extension Report

Program Evaluation Committee

Allocation Committee

Technology Transfer Committee

Minority Serving Institutions

Report of the Director, National Sea Grant Office

**Wednesday, March 28, 2001**

8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Committee Summary and Follow-up on

Sea Grant Week Sessions:

Review of the National Sea Grant Office, NOAA

Implementation Committee—Sea Grant Extension Report

Program Evaluation Committee

Allocation Committee

This meeting will be open to the public.

Dated: March 7, 2001.

**Louisa Koch,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 030101G]

**Permits; Foreign Fishing**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of foreign fishing application.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes for public review and comment a summary of an application submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct fishing operations in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in 2001 under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; and/or to the Regional Fishery Management Councils listed here:

Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01905, Phone (978) 465-0492, Fax (978) 465-3116;

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904, Phone (302) 674-2331, Fax (302) 674-4136.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State, NMFS publishes, for public review and comment, summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to fish in the U.S. EEZ under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct joint venture (JV) operations in 2001 in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean for Atlantic mackerel and Atlantic herring. The factory ship DAURIYA is identified as the Russian vessel that would receive Atlantic mackerel and Atlantic herring from U.S. vessels in JV operations.

Dated: March 6, 2001

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS****Request for Public Comment on Short Supply Request Under the United States—Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)**

March 8, 2001.

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments concerning a request for a determination that crushed panne velour fabric cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the CBTPA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.