

Grouper Allocation and Amendment 33—Limited Access Privilege Program; take Final Action on Amendment 35—Greater Amberjack; review a Scoping Document for Red Snapper Provisions for Overage Adjustments; discuss an Interim Rule on Gray Triggerfish Annual Catch Limit & In-Season Closure Authority; review a Draft Options Paper for Amendment 37—Gray Triggerfish Management Measures; discuss a Framework Action on Contractual Services for the For-Hire Sector; discuss Sector Separation; review an Options Paper for Amendment 38—Revise Post-Season Recreational Accountability Measures for Shallow-water Grouper; receive a summary from the Goliath Grouper Workgroup Meeting and review and discuss the Pilot Studies Design for Headboat IFQ and Days at Sea.

—Recess—

Immediately following the Committee Recess will be the Informal Question & Answer Session on Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Issues.

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

8:30 a.m.–9 a.m.—The Coral Management Committee will review a report from the Special Coral Scientific & Statistical Committee.

9 a.m.–10 a.m.—The Data Collection Committee will review the MRIP Calibration Workshop summary; discuss a Generic Amendment for Dealer Permit/Electronic Logbook Reporting Requirements; receive an update on Electronic Reporting for Headboats and for the For-Hire Sector.

10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.—The Mackerel Management Committee will review Options Papers for Amendment 19—No Sale and Permits and for Amendment 20—Boundaries and Transit Provisions.

—Recess—

Council

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

1 p.m.—The Council meeting will begin with a Call to Order and Introductions.

1:05 p.m.–1:15 p.m.—The Council will review the agenda and approve the minutes.

1:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.—The Council will approve a revised Committee Roster; review the Action Schedule; and review Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP), if any.

1:45 p.m.–5:30 p.m.—The Council will receive public testimony on Final Reef Fish Amendment 35—Greater Amberjack; an Interim Rule for Gray Triggerfish Annual Catch Limit & In-Season Closure Authority; and exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any. The Council will also hold an open public comment period regarding any other fishery issues of concern. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

Thursday, April 19, 2012

8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.—The Council will review and discuss reports from the committee meetings as follows: Scientific & Statistical Committee Selection, Outreach & Education, Reef Fish, Budget/Personnel, Artificial Reef, Coral, Data Collection, and Mackerel.

3 p.m.–3:15 p.m.—Discussion on Exempted Fishing Permits (if any) will take place.

3:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m.—Other Business items will follow.

The Council will conclude its meeting at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date/time established 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 Kathy Pereira at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 27, 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

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311; fax: (207) 772-4017.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

The Groundfish Committee will meet to continue development of several management actions. The Committee will continue development of an action to modify measures that apply to sectors. This discussion is expected to focus primarily on monitoring issues, and may include discussion of Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) carryover provisions and other measures relevant to sector operations. The Committee will discuss an action to establish acceptable biological catches (ABCs) and annual catch limits (ACLs) for fishing years 2013 and 2014. Setting ABCs/ACLs may require modification of recreational fishing measures, and the Committee may discuss this issue. The Committee may also discuss adopting additional sub-ACLs for the scallop fishery and pursuing the Mixed Stock Exception for SNE/MA windowpane flounder. The Committee may discuss

possible modifications to groundfish closed areas and the recent Endangered Species Act listing of Atlantic Sturgeon. Other business may also be discussed.

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

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

Dated: March 27, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold meetings of its: Snapper Grouper AP; Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp AP; Dolphin Wahoo AP; King and Spanish Mackerel AP; and Coral AP in North Charleston, SC. An MPA Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Snapper Grouper AP meeting. All meetings are open to the public. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The meetings will take place from April 18–May 10, 2012. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., North Charleston,

SC 29418; telephone: (843) 308–9330; fax: (843) 308–9331.

Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

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. Snapper Grouper AP Meeting: April 18–19, 2012

Members of the Snapper Grouper AP will meet from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. on April 18, 2012 and from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on April 19, 2012. The AP will receive an update on recent amendments, including Snapper Grouper Amendment 24 (red grouper), Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A (black sea bass), Regulatory Amendment 11 (removal of 240 foot closure), Regulatory Amendment 12 (golden tilefish) and Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A (wreckfish). The AP will discuss developing amendments, including: Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B, which includes measures to implement an endorsement program for the commercial golden tilefish fishery; and Snapper Grouper Amendment 20, which addresses the current Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) program for wreckfish. In addition, the AP will review proposed measures in Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 including options to create and/or expand existing marine protected areas to help provide protection for speckled hind and Warsaw grouper. The AP will provide recommendations to the Council for consideration.

2. Marine Protected Area (MPA) Workshop: April 18, 2012

The Council will host an MPA Workshop for the public beginning at 6 p.m. in order to solicit input regarding the use of MPAs to reduce bycatch mortality associated with speckled hind and Warsaw grouper.

3. Joint Shrimp AP and Deepwater Shrimp AP Meeting: April 20, 2012

Members of the Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp AP will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The APs will review measures in Shrimp Amendment 9 that include revising the Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST) proxy for pink shrimp and streamlining the

concurrent closure process of penaeid shrimp fisheries. Members will receive a briefing on issues related to Atlantic sturgeon which were recently listed as endangered. The APs will also review options and provide recommendations for expansion of Deepwater Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) as included in the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment.

4. Dolphin Wahoo AP Meeting: April 24, 2012

Members of the Dolphin Wahoo AP will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. The AP will review revised numbers for recreational landings of dolphin and wahoo through the Marine Recreational Information Program and discuss allocation issues.

5. King and Spanish Mackerel AP Meeting: April 24–25, 2012

Members of the King and Spanish Mackerel AP will meet from 1:30 p.m. on April 24, 2012 until 4 p.m. on April 25, 2012. The AP will receive updates on amendments and assessments, including: Mackerel Amendment 18, which establishes Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for mackerel and cobia; and the recent stock assessment of Spanish mackerel and cobia. The AP will discuss developing amendments, including Mackerel Amendment 19 addressing permits and sale of bag-limit mackerel and cobia, and Amendment 20 addressing boundaries and transit provisions. The AP will also review a list of framework items and provide recommendations.

6. Coral AP Meeting: May 9–10, 2012

Members of the Coral AP will meet from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on May 9, 2012 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on May 10, 2012. The AP will review alternatives for expansion of Deepwater Coral HAPCs as included in the draft Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3. The AP will also receive an update from NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division, an overview of the Florida Reef Managers Meeting, and an update on exotic species. The AP will appoint a chair, elect a vice-chair and will provide recommendations to the Council for consideration.

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