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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Fisheries of the Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of cancellation for SEDAR Review Workshop for Caribbean blue tang and queen triggerfish.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR assessments of the Caribbean stocks of blue tang and queen triggerfish will no longer have an in-person Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Review Workshop originally scheduled for February 4–7, 2013 has been cancelled. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 2012 (77 FR 26746).

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR includes three workshops: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Stock Assessment Workshop; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Stock Assessment Workshop is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the

Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Consensus Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

February 4–7, 2013; SEDAR 30 Review Workshop—CANCELLED

The in-person Review Workshop, scheduled for 4–7 February 2013 to review the 2012 assessments of blue tang and queen triggerfish, has been cancelled. At the Assessment workshop, held October 16–17, 2012 in Miami, FL, the Assessment Panel decided not to move forward with the blue tang assessment due to data issues and determined that little could be accomplished for queen triggerfish beyond what had been completed to date.

Given the reduced scope of assessment products in need of review, the in-person workshop is being cancelled in favor of a Desk Review. The Desk Review would still utilize Center for Independent Experts (CIE) Reviewers. The Reviewers would be provided the assessment reports of each species, review them according to the Terms of Reference (TOR), and provide an individual independent review report. Those reports would be made available to the analysts, as well as to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), for their review and discussion before the SSC makes any management recommendations. The timing of the Desk Review would be similar to the timing already in place for the project, with the plan to have the material imparted to the SSC by early March 2013.

All other previously-published information remains unchanged.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in Santa Cruz, California.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Paradox, 611 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kara Yeager, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-7242, Fax: 301-713-3110); email: kara.yeager@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158, which calls for the development of a National System of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). The National System aims to strengthen existing MPAs and MPA programs through national and regional coordination, capacity building, science and analysis. The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be accepted from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. In general, each individual or group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by November 30, 2012.

Matters to be Considered: The focus of the Committee's meeting will be the development of workplans by the Subcommittees (Jobs, Recreation and

Tourism Subcommittee and Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee) to address the Committee's charge. The Committee will also hear from two panels of experts: One on successful ocean engagement initiatives, and one from MPA managers on engaging with the travel, recreation and tourism industries. On Wednesday, December 5, the Committee will meet with representatives from National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils to discuss fostering links between MPAs and the recreation, travel and tourism industries. The agenda is subject to change. The latest version will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Second Fishing Capacity Reduction Program for the Longline Catcher Processor Subsector of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Non-Pollock Groundfish Fishery

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

ACTION: Notice of reduction payment tender and industry fee collection system effective date.

SUMMARY: The FY 2005 Appropriations Act (the Appropriations Act) authorized a capacity reduction program for the Longline Catcher Processor Subsector of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands non-pollock groundfish fishery (Reduction Fishery). Pursuant to this authorization, the Freezer Longline Conservation Cooperative (FLCC) conducted the bid selection process and submitted a reduction plan to NMFS to purchase a single latent permit within the Reduction Fishery. On September 24, 2012, the National Marine Fisheries Service published regulations for the second fishing capacity reduction program for this Reduction Fishery. NMFS conducted a successful referendum approving the reduction loan repayment fees of \$2,700,000 which post-reduction harvesters will repay over a 30-year period.

Accordingly, NMFS is preparing to tender a reduction payment to the accepted bidder and implement an industry fee collection system to repay the loan.

DATES: The public has until December 17, 2012 to inform NMFS of any holding, owning, or retaining claims that conflict with the representations of bids as presented by the FLCC. Fee collection will begin on January 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send comments about this notice to Paul Marx, Chief, Financial Services Division, NMFS, Attn: Second Non-Pollock Groundfish Longline Catcher Processor Buyback, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael A. Sturtevant at (301) 427-8799, fax (301) 713-1306, or michael.a.sturtevant@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 2007, NMFS approved and implemented a \$35.7 million fishing capacity reduction loan program for the Longline Catcher Processor Subsector, which represented the full amount authorized for that subsector of the \$75 million authorized for the entire BSAI non-pollock groundfish fishery. The initial program removed three fishing vessels and 12 fishing licenses and permits for a loan amount of \$35 million. All long-line catcher processors harvesting non-pollock groundfish were required to pay and forward a fee to NMFS to repay the loan. The original fee assessment was \$0.02 per pound caught with payment and collection beginning on October 24, 2007. That rate has since been reduced to \$0.0145 per pound.

None of the other BSAI non-pollock groundfish subsectors have expressed an interest in implementing a capacity reduction program for their subsector. A provision in the Appropriations Act permits the Secretary of Commerce to make available any of the unused loan amounts, originally allocated for each subsector, for capacity reduction programs in any of the subsectors after January 1, 2009.

Members of the BSAI Longline Catcher Processor Subsector informed NMFS that they wished to access the remaining loan amounts to undertake a second buyback. To implement this next buyback, the FLCC on behalf of the Reduction Fishery was required by the Appropriations Act to draft and submit a Reduction Plan to NMFS. On August 27, 2010, the FLCC submitted a Reduction Plan to access \$2.7 million of

the total remaining \$39,105,450 funds to purchase a single latent permit.

NMFS published proposed program regulations on July 30, 2012 (77 FR 44572), and final program regulations on September 24, 2012 (77 FR 58775), to implement the second reduction program. Interested persons should review these for further program details.

II. Present Status

NMFS conducted a referendum to determine the industry's willingness to repay a fishing capacity reduction loan to purchase the permit identified in the reduction plan. NMFS mailed ballots to 37 holders of record of LLP licenses in the fishery who were eligible to vote in the referendum. The voting period opened on October 24, 2012, and closed on November 7, 2012. NMFS received 32 timely and valid votes; all 32 of the votes approved the fees. This exceeded majority of permit holders (19) required for industry fee system approval. Consequently, the referendum was successful and permit holders approved the industry fee system. Accordingly, the reduction contract is in full force and effect and NMFS is preparing to tender and disburse a reduction payment to the selected bidder.

III. Reduction Payment Tender

NMFS publishes this notice to inform the public before tendering the reduction payment to Permit Holding LLC (the selected bidder), for LLP license LLG2085 with area endorsements for Bering Sea Catcher/Processor Hook and Longline and Aleutian Islands Catcher/Processor Hook and Longline. NMFS will tender the reduction payment on or about December 17, 2012. When NMFS tenders the reduction payment to Permit Holding LLC, the selected bidder must permanently stop all further fishing with the reduction permit it has relinquished. The selected bidder, in accordance with section 5 of the relinquishment contract, must notify all creditors or other parties with security interests in the reduction permit.

This notice provides the public (including creditors or other parties) 30 days from publication of this notice to advise NMFS in writing of any holding, owning, or retaining claims that conflict with the representations of the bid as presented by the FLCC.

IV. Fee System Effective Date

This notice also establishes the reduction loan repayment fee's effective date in accordance with subpart M to 50 CFR 600.1108. The second BSAI non-pollock groundfish longline catcher processor program fee payment and