

section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a series of public hearings and scoping meetings in January. Public hearings will be held on Amendment 29 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagic Framework Action. Public scoping will be held on Regulatory Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP, Amendment 24 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP for the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico and Amendment 26 to the Coastal Migratory FMP for the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. The Council will hold a separate public scoping meeting via webinar for the Generic Accountability Measure and Dolphin Allocation Amendment. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Dates and Location: The series of public hearings and scoping meetings will be held January 21, 2014 through January 30, 2014. The hearings/scoping meetings will be held from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Council staff will present an overview of the amendments and will be available for informal discussions and to answer questions. Members of

the public will have an opportunity to go on record at any time during the meeting hours to record their comments on the public hearing and scoping topics for consideration by the Council. Local Council representatives will attend the meetings and take public comment. Written comments will be accepted from January 10, 2014 until 5 p.m. on February 3, 2014. In addition, the Council will hold a separate public scoping meeting via webinar on February 3, 2014 at 6 p.m. for the Generic Accountability Measure and Dolphin Allocation Amendment. Public comment will be accepted on the Generic Amendment from January 17, 2014 until 5 p.m. on February 14, 2014. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405, or via email to: SGAmend29Comments@safmc.net for Amendment 29 to the Snapper Grouper FMP; SpanishMackFrameworkComments@safmc.net for the Joint Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment for 2014; SGRegAmend16Comments@safmc.net for Regulatory Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP; CMPPAmend24Comments@safmc.net for Joint Amendment 24 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP; CMPPAmend26Comments@safmc.net for Joint Amendment 26 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP; and to AMDolphinAllocAmendC@safmc.net for the Generic Accountability Measure and Dolphin Allocation Amendment.

Copies of the public hearing and scoping documents are available by contacting Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10. Copies will also be available online at www.safmc.net as they become available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email address: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public hearings: Amendment 29 to the Snapper Grouper FMP includes actions that would update the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule to incorporate methodology for determining the ABC of "Only Reliable

Catch Stocks" (ORCS), adjust the ABCs for the affected species, and establish management measures for gray triggerfish in federal waters of the South Atlantic region. The Joint South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment for 2014 would adjust the annual catch limits (ACLs) for both South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Spanish mackerel stocks.

Scoping: Regulatory Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP includes alternatives to remove or modify the current seasonal closure for black sea bass commercial pots. Joint Amendment 24 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP includes actions to consider changes in the recreational and commercial allocation for coastal migratory pelagic stocks with current sector allocations. Joint Amendment 26 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP will include actions to separate the commercial permits for king and Spanish mackerel into designated permits for each region.

Scoping via webinar: The Generic Accountability Measure and Dolphin Allocation Amendment would adjust Accountability Measures for species in the snapper grouper management complex and golden crab. The amendment also addresses allocations for dolphin (mahi mahi). Information on how to register for the webinar will be posted on the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net.

Public Hearing and Scoping Meeting Schedule

January 21, 2014—Bay Watch Resort & Conference Center, 2701 S. Ocean Boulevard, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582; Phone: 843-272-4600.

January 22, 2014—DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront, 2717 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512; Phone: 252-240-1155.

January 27, 2014—Key West Marriott Beachside, 3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040; Phone: 305-296-8100.

January 28, 2014—DoubleTree by Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931; Phone: 321-783-9222.

January 29, 2014—Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207; Phone: 904-396-5100.

January 30, 2014—Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, 175 Bourne Avenue, Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-743-8888.

February 3, 2014—Public scoping via webinar for the Generic Accountability Measure and Dolphin Allocation Amendment, beginning at 6 p.m.

Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the ABC Control Rule Working Group (Working Group) and Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meetings will be held from 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22 until 3 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Gulf of Fishery Management Council office, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630; fax: (813) 348–1711; email: steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

ABC Control Rule Working Group Agenda, Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 1 p.m. Until 5 p.m.

The Working Group is a subset of the SSC that also includes members from the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Its function is to develop and evaluate potential revisions to the ABC control rule that was implemented in 2012. Agenda items for the working group include:

1. Review of Alternative Approaches To Setting ABC To Account for Scientific Uncertainty

- a. Impose a pre-specified coefficient of variation into the pdf based on expert judgment of the SSC
- b. Establish a buffer below OFL of 0% to 25%, based on species life history (e.g., longer-lived species get a larger buffer)
- c. Modify the Tier 1 spreadsheet to develop a score that would be used to determine the number of standard deviations to add to the pdf
- d. SEFSC approaches based on Ralton et al. (2011)
- e. Expand the range of potential P* values in the Tier 1 spreadsheet from 30%–50% to 1%–50%
- f. Other approaches
- g. Working Group recommendations

2. Other ABC Control Rule Business

- a. Recommendation on whether to proceed with a separate action to revise the method for determining P*
- b. Other Business

Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC Agenda, Thursday, January 23, 2014, 8:30 a.m. Until 5 p.m.; Friday, January 24, 2014, 8:30 a.m. Until 3 p.m.

1. Approval of August 6–8, 2013 Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC summary minutes
2. Review of Red Snapper MRIP Issues
3. Review of Other Reef Fish MRIP Issues
4. Annual Catch Limits Monitoring Overview
5. Red Snapper Slot Limit Analysis
6. Alternative Red Snapper ABCs
 - a. based on FSPR 26% (constant catch and constant F)
 - b. based on FMAX (constant catch and constant F)
7. Pros and Cons of Setting Recreational Red Snapper Quota in Numbers
8. East and West Regional ABC Recommendations for Red Snapper
 - a. With Mississippi in the East region
 - b. With Mississippi in the West region
9. ABC Control Rule Revisions and Report of the ABC Control Rule Working Group
10. Update on SEDAR Assessment Schedule
11. SEDAR 40—Red Grouper Benchmark Assessment—preliminaries
 - a. Review and approval of terms of reference
 - b. Review of schedule and selection of panel participants
12. Tentative Dates for 2014 SSC Meetings
13. Selection of SSC representative at February 3–7, 2014 Council meeting (Houston)

14. Other business

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committees 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a new scientific research and enhancement permit and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for a scientific research and enhancement permit (permit 17781) relating to salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment. The applications and related