

to 4 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time. The scheduled ending time for this GMT meeting is an estimate, the meeting will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GMT webinar is to prepare for the Pacific Council's April 2022 agenda items. The GMT will discuss items related to groundfish management and administrative matters on the Pacific Council's agenda. The GMT may also address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. A detailed agenda for the webinar will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 4, 2022.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Research Track Assessment for Northern Shortfin Squid and Butterfish**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing northern shortfin squid and butterfish stocks. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the research track working group and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts from the

Center of Independent Experts (CIE). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

**DATES:** The public portion of the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from March 7, 2022–March 11, 2022. The meeting will conclude on March 11, 2022 at 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via WebEx.

**Link:** <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=m8a1062743b689f38d340622b4c9367ff>.

**Meeting number (access code):** 2761 523 2146.

**Meeting password:** vNhr8Y75tBu.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michele Traver, phone: 508-257-1642; email: [michele.traver@noaa.gov](mailto:michele.traver@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about research track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments>.

**Daily Meeting Agenda—Research Track Peer Review Meeting**

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m.	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/ Agenda/Conduct of Meeting.	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead.	
12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	Butterfish Terms of Reference (TORs) #1 and A1.	Russ Brown, PopDy Branch Chief. Mike Wilberg, Panel Chair. Charles Adams, Andrew Jones, Jason Didden, Tori Kentner.	Life history Catch Spatial Distribution Industry Perspective and Outreach Aging.
1:45 p.m.–3 p.m.	TORs #2 and A2	Charles Adams, Laurel Smith, Rob Vincent.	Survey Data Consumptive Removals.
3 p.m.–3:10 p.m.	Break.		
3:10 p.m.–4:40 p.m.	TOR #3	Charles Adams	F, R, SSB Productivity. BRPs
4:40 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	TORs #4 and A1	Charles Adams, Laurel Smith	
5:30 p.m.–5:50 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
5:50 p.m.–6 p.m.	Public Comment	Public.	
6 p.m.	Adjourn.		

## TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12 p.m.–12:10 p.m .....	Welcome/Logistics .....	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Mike Wilberg, Panel Chair.	
12:10 p.m.–12:45 p.m .....	TORs #4 cont. and 5 .....	Charles Adams .....	BRPs Stock Determination. Projections. Research Recommendations Alternative Approach.
12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m .....	TOR #6 .....	Charles Adams .....	
1:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m .....	TORs #7 and 8 .....	Charles Adams .....	
3:15 p.m.–3:25 p.m .....	Break.		
3:25 p.m.–4:40 p.m .....	TOR #7 and 8 cont. ....	Charles Adams .....	Research Recommendations Alternative Approach.
4:40 p.m.–5 p.m .....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.	
5 p.m.–5:10 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.	
5:10 p.m.–6 p.m .....	Wrap Up/Key Points on Butterfish	Review Panel.	
6 p.m .....	Adjourn.		

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12 p.m.–12:10 p.m .....	Welcome/Logistics .....	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead. Mike Wilberg, Panel Chair.	
12:10 p.m.–2 p.m .....	<i>Illex</i> .....	Lisa Hendrickson, Brooke Lowman.	Landings and Discards Surveys and Fishery CPUE. 2019 age, size and maturity, trace element data.
2 p.m.–2:50 p.m .....	TORs #1 and 2 .....	Lisa Hendrickson, Jessica Jones	
2:50 p.m.–3 p.m .....	TOR #3 .....		
3 p.m.–5 p.m .....	Break.		
3 p.m.–5 p.m .....	TORs #4 and 5 .....	Lisa Hendrickson, Sarah Salois, Paul Rago.	Fishery body size Environmental effects Stock size and Fishing mortality.
5 p.m.–5:20 p.m .....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.	
5:20 p.m.–5:30 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.	
5:30 p.m. ....	Adjourn.		

## THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12 p.m.–12:10 p.m .....	Welcome/Logistics .....	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead ... Mike Wilberg, Panel Chair.	
12:10 p.m.–1:10 p.m ...	TOR #5 cont. ....	John Manderson .....	Stock size and Fishing mortality. In-season data. BRP's Stock Status Projections.
1:10 p.m.–2:10 p.m .....	TOR #6 .....	Anna Mercer .....	
2:10 p.m.–3:10 p.m .....	TORs #7–9 .....	Lisa Hendrickson .....	
3:10 p.m.–3:20 p.m .....	Break.		
3:20 p.m.–5:20 p.m .....	TORs #10 and 11 .....	Lisa Hendrickson .....	Research Recommendations Alternative approach.
5:20 p.m.–5:40 p.m .....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.	
5:40 p.m.–5:50 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.	
5:50 p.m.–6 p.m .....	Wrap Up/Key Points on <i>Illex</i> .....	Review Panel.	
6 p.m .....	Adjourn.		

## FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12 p.m.–6 p.m .....	Report Writing .....	Review Panel.	

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the 'Report Writing' session on Friday, March 11, 2022, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email.

Dated: March 4, 2022.

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*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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#### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish and Red Drum Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendments 48/5

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Combined in a single document, the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) has submitted Amendment 48 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Amendment 5 to the FMP for the Red Drum Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (Amendments 48/5) for review, approval, and implementation by NMFS. Amendments 48/5 would establish or modify maximum sustainable yield (MSY) proxies, maximum fishing mortality thresholds (MFMTs), minimum stock size thresholds (MSSTs), and optimum yield (OY) for stocks in the Reef Fish and Red Drum FMPs. The need for this action is to have biological reference points that can be used for determining status of the stocks or stock complexes consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**DATES:** Written comments on Amendments 48/5 must be received by May 9, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on Amendments 48/5 identified by

“NOAA-NMFS-2021-0023” by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter “NOAA-NMFS-2021-0023” in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Peter Hood, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Electronic copies of Amendments 48/5 may be obtained from [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or the Southeast Regional Office website at <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>. Amendments 48/5 includes an environmental assessment and fishery impact statement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Hood, NMFS Southeast Regional Office, telephone: 727-824-5305, or email: [peter.hood@noaa.gov](mailto:peter.hood@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires each regional fishery management council to submit any FMP or amendment to the FMP to NMFS for review and approval, partial approval, or disapproval. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving a plan or amendment to the plan, to publish an announcement in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the FMP or amendment to the FMP is available for review and comment.

Amendments 48/5 were prepared by the Gulf Council and, if approved, would be incorporated into the management of Gulf reef fish and red drum through the respective FMPs.

#### Background

The Magnuson-Stevens Act and the National Standard 1 Guidelines require that FMPs specify a number of reference points for managed fish stocks, including maximum sustainable yield (MSY) or MSY proxy, and optimum

yield, as well as status determination criteria (SDC), including an MFMT or an overfishing limit (OFL), and an MSST. These SDC represent the point at which a stock is determined to be overfished (i.e., below MSST) or experiencing overfishing (i.e., above MFMT or OFL). In 1999, the Gulf Council submitted the Generic Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Amendment, which proposed definitions of MSY, OY, MFMT, and MSST for all reef fish stocks. NMFS approved most of the MFMT criteria, but disapproved all of the definitions for MSY, OY, and MSST because they were not based on biomass.

While NMFS refers to the document as “Amendments 48/5” in this notice of availability, each amendment applies separately to the stocks in the respective FMPs. Amendment 5 applies to the red drum stock. Amendment 48 applies to several reef fish stocks and stock complexes that either have not been assessed or were assessed but still require stock status determinations. These include: Cubera snapper, lane snapper, goliath grouper, the shallow-water grouper complex (scamp, black grouper, yellowmouth grouper, and yellowfin grouper), the deep-water grouper complex (yellowedge grouper, warsaw grouper, snowy grouper, and speckled hind), the tilefish complex (golden tilefish, blueline tilefish, and goldface tilefish), the jacks complex (lesser amberjack, almaco jack, and banded rudderfish), and the mid-water snapper complex (wenchman, silk snapper, blackfin snapper, and queen snapper). Amendments 48/5 also addresses four reef fish stocks that have been assessed and have known stock status determinations: Hogfish, mutton snapper, yellowtail snapper, and black grouper. Amendment 43 to the Reef Fish FMP established reference points and SDC for hogfish. However, OY for hogfish was not defined there and is addressed in Amendments 48/5. Mutton snapper, yellowtail snapper, and black grouper, which occur in both the Gulf Council and South Atlantic Fishery Management Council areas of jurisdiction but are managed separately under each Council’s FMPs, have reference points and SDC specified in the South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper FMP, but not in the Gulf Reef Fish FMP. With respect to black grouper, that species is managed by the South Atlantic Council as a single stock but is managed by the Gulf Council as part of the shallow-water grouper complex.

#### Maximum Sustainable Yield

The MSY is the largest long-term average catch or yield that can be taken from a stock or stock complex under