

recreational shallow-water grouper harvest. In other actions, the AP will review a scoping document for a possible amendment to designate petroleum platforms and artificial reefs as essential fish habitat. The AP will also reconsider its recommendations from an October 2011 meeting on vermilion snapper annual catch limits in light of revised analysis and new acceptable biological catch recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee. In addition, the AP will review updated information on fish venting and recompression, and may consider recommendations for changes to the current regulations requiring possession and use of venting tools when fishing for reef fish.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630 or can be downloaded from the Council's ftp site, <ftp.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Advisory Panel 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.

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 Hearings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Council to convene public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public hearings on a proposed generic amendment addressing Federal seafood dealer permits.

DATES: The public hearings will be held from August 6-9, 2012 at nine locations throughout the Gulf of Mexico. The public hearings will begin at 6 p.m. and will conclude no later than 9 p.m. For specific dates, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held in the following locations: Tampa, Key West and Panama City, FL; Houma, LA; Biloxi, MS; Mobile, AL; Brownsville, Galveston and Corpus Christi, TX.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Froeschke, Fishery Biologist-Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630 x235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene Public Hearings on a proposed generic amendment addressing Federal seafood dealer permits. A seafood dealer is the person who first receives fish by way of purchase, barter, or trade. Seafood dealers buy product from commercial fishermen and sell directly to restaurants, markets, other dealers, processors, or consumers without substantially altering the product. NOAA Fisheries Service issues Federal dealer permits on an annual basis to those individuals or organizations that wish to become a seafood dealer. The Gulf Council is considering changes the current permit and reporting requirements for those individuals or organizations that purchase species managed by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Councils to ensure landings of managed fish stocks are recorded accurately and in a timely manner so annual catch limits are not exceeded. Modification of fishery management plans would affect species managed solely by the Gulf of Mexico Council or the South Atlantic Councils, as well as species managed by both Councils.

The nine public hearings will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at the end of public testimony or no later than 9 p.m. at the following locations:

Monday, August 6, 2012

Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel, 2225 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607, telephone: (813) 877-6688;

Lady Anderson/Captain Anderson Marina, 5550 N. Lagoon Drive, Panama City Beach, FL 32408; telephone: (850) 234-3435.

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Courtyard Marriott, 3955 N. Expressway 77/83, Brownsville, TX 78520, telephone: (956) 350-4600;

Courtyard Marriott, 1000 W. I-65 Service Road South, Mobile, AL 36609, telephone: (251) 344-5200.

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

Harvey Government Center, 1200 Truman Avenue, Key West, FL 33040, telephone: (305) 295-5000;

Courtyard Marriott D'Iberville, 11471 Cinema Drive, D'Iberville, MS 39540, telephone: (228) 392-1200;

Omni Corpus Christi, 900 N. Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78401, telephone: (361) 887-1600.

Thursday, August 9, 2012

Hilton Galveston, 5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston Island, TX 77551, telephone: (409) 744-5000; and

Courtyard Marriott, 142 Library Drive, Houma, LA 70360, telephone: (985) 223-8996.

Copies of the scoping documents can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630 or by visiting the Council's Web site at www.gulfcouncil.org.

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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.