

Science Center on their performance monitoring and evaluation plan concerning existing and future catch share programs. The Council's Herring Committee will present an overview of the management measures proposed in Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring FMP, including the establishment of annual catch limits and accountability measures, and select final measures before submitting the action to NMFS. NOAA leadership will present a briefing on its Catch Shares Policy and conduct a question and answer session following the presentation.

### Wednesday, January 27, 2010

The second day of the Council meeting will begin with a discussion about and possible reconsideration of Framework 21 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. Pending the outcome of this agenda item, the Council also may revisit Framework 44 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP to change the yellowtail flounder allocation to the scallop fleet in that action. Later, the Groundfish Committee will ask for approval of alternative rebuilding strategy options for the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder stock. The Chairman of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will report on the committee's comments concerning a model developed by the Habitat Plan Development Team (PDT) to analyze alternatives to minimize adverse impacts of fishing activities. The SSC also will report on the process-related issues addressed at the last SSC meeting as well as the comments of SSC members on the published proposed rule concerning practices and procedures related to National Standard 2. The Habitat Committee will comment, where appropriate, about the model developed by its PDT, as well as on President Obama's Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force Report: *Interim Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning*.

### Thursday, January 28, 2010

The Council will begin the last day of the meeting with a discussion of several outstanding issues related to work priorities for 2010. The Northeast Fisheries Science Center staff will follow with two reports, one on the status of projected observer days-at-sea for the upcoming year in accordance with the Council's Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology rules and another on the Vessel Calibration Workshop held late last year. The Council also intends to approve a range of alternatives to be analyzed in Amendment 3 to the Red Crab FMP. The action will include annual catch limits

and accountability measures, and possibly a total allowable catch for the fleet. The day will conclude with an open period for public comments about items not listed on the agenda but related to Council business and any other outstanding issues that were postponed until the end of the meeting.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 11, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Fisheries of the Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Atlantic croaker and Atlantic menhaden; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR Review Workshop for Atlantic croaker and Atlantic menhaden.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR assessment review of the Atlantic stocks of croaker and menhaden will be conducted at a Review Workshop. This is the twentieth SEDAR. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The Review Workshop will take place March 8-12, 2010. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The Review Workshop will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; (800) 782-9444 or (843) 308-9330.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale Theiling, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; (843) 571-4366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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. The SEDAR 20 Review Workshop will be an independent peer review of the products from assessments of Atlantic stocks of croaker and menhaden conducted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Products to be reviewed are reports from the ASMFC Data Workshop and ASMFC Stock Assessment Workshop for each stock. The Data Workshop Reports compile and evaluate potential datasets and recommend which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The Stock Assessment Workshop Reports describe the fisheries, evaluate the status of the stock, estimate biological benchmarks, project future population conditions, and recommend research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is a Peer Review Evaluation Report documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for the SEDAR 20 Review Workshop are appointed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commissions, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and the NOAA Center for Independent Experts. Review Workshop participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

**SEDAR 20 Workshop Schedule:****March 8–12, 2010; SEDAR 20 Review Workshop**

*March 8, 2010: 1 p.m. - 8 p.m.; March 9–11, 2010: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; March 12, 2010: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

The Review Workshop is an independent peer review of the assessments developed during the ASMFC Data and Assessment Workshops. Workshop Panelists will review the assessment and document their comments and recommendations in a Peer Review Evaluation Report.

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 listed 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.

**Special Accommodations**

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Dated: January 8, 2010

**William D. Chappell,**

*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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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held February 1 - 4, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Battle House, 26 N. Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Stephen Bortone, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Council****Wednesday, February 3, 2010**

*1 p.m.* - The Council meeting will begin with a review of the agenda and approval of the minutes.

*1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.* - The Council will receive a presentation on Catch Shares Task Force.

*1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.* - They will receive a report of the Gulf of Mexico Alliance activities.

*2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.* - They will receive public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any; final Regulatory Amendment for Reef Fish Total Allowable Catch; and the Council will hold an open public comment period regarding any fishery issue of concern. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

*4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.* - The Council will review and discuss reports from the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee.

**Thursday, February 4, 2010**

*8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.* - The Council will review and discuss reports from the committee meetings as follows: Reef Fish Management; Budget; Administrative Policy; Outreach and Education; Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab Management; Red Drum; Habitat Protection; Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) Management; Shrimp Management; Advisory Panel Selection Committee; Scientific and Statistical Committee Selection Committee; and SEDAR Selection Committee.

*12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.* - Other Business items will follow.

The Council will conclude its meeting at approximately 1:15 p.m.

**Committees****Monday, February 1, 2010**

*8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.* - CLOSED SESSION - The Full Council will receive a litigation briefing.

*9 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.* - CLOSED SESSION (Full Council) - The SEDAR Selection Committee will appoint members to the SEDAR meetings for Spiny Lobster,

Yellowedge Grouper and Tilefish and Greater Amberjack.

*9:20 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.* - CLOSED SESSION (Full Council) - The Scientific and Statistical Committee will appoint members to the Special Mackerel Scientific and Statistical Committee.

*9:40 a.m. - 10 a.m.* - CLOSED SESSION (Full Council) - The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will appoint members to the Mackerel Limited Access Privilege Program Advisory Panel.

*10 a.m. - 12 p.m.* - The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will discuss the Options Paper for the Generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Measures Amendment and review the proposed National Standard 2 Guidelines.

*1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.* - The Budget Committee will review the 2010 funding.

*2 p.m. - 4 p.m.* - The Administrative Policy Committee will discuss modifications to Statement of Organization Practice and Procedures and Handbook Development.

*4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.* - The Outreach and Education Committee will receive a report of the Outreach and Education Advisory Panel meeting.

*4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.* - The Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab Committee will discuss the Options Paper for Spiny Lobster Amendment 10 and approve the Spiny Lobster SEDAR Terms of Reference.

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**Tuesday, February 2, 2010**

*8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.* - The Reef Fish Management Committee will receive a presentation on the Red Snapper update assessment; a report from the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee; a report from the Red Snapper Advisory Panel; a Draft Final Regulatory Amendment for Red Snapper Total Allowable Catch; an Options Paper for Amendment 32 Gag/Red Grouper scoping meeting summaries; a report of the Limited Access Privilege Program Advisory Panel meeting; a presentation on Northeast Gulf of Mexico Reserves Program; Changes in Reef Fish Populations; and discuss approval of the schedules for SEDAR 22 (Yellowedge Grouper and Tilefish) and Greater Amberjack updates.

*4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.* - The Red Drum Committee will discuss the Red Drum Fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone.

*4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.* - The Habitat Protection Committee will give a report of the Mississippi/Louisiana and the Texas Habitat Advisory Panel meetings.