Scoping Process

All persons affected by or otherwise interested in skate management are invited to participate in determining the scope and significance of issues to be analyzed by submitting written comments (see ADDRESSES) and/or by attending one of the scoping meetings. Scope consists of the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered. Alternatives include the following: Not amending the management plan (taking no action); developing an amendment that contains management measures such as those discussed in this notice; or other reasonable courses of action. Impacts may be direct, indirect, or cumulative.

This scoping process will also identify and eliminate from detailed analysis issues that are not relevant or feasible. When, after the scoping process is completed, the Council proceeds with the development of an amendment to the Skate FMP, the Council will prepare an EIS to analyze the impacts of the range of alternatives under consideration. The Council will hold public hearings to receive comments on the draft amendment and on the analysis of its impacts presented in the EIS.

Scoping Hearing Schedule

The Council will discuss and take scoping comments at the following public meetings:

1. Tuesday, May 22, 2007, from 7 – 9 p.m.; Gloucester City Hall, Kyrour Auditorium, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930; telephone: (978) 281–9720.
2. Wednesday, May 23, 2007, from 7 – 9 p.m.; Narragansett Town Hall, 25 Fifth Avenue, Narragansett, RI 02882; telephone: (401) 789–1044.
3. Thursday, May 24, 2007, from 7 – 9 p.m.; Mass Maritime, 101 Academy Drive, Buzzards Bay, MA 02332; telephone: (508) 830–5000.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with physical 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.

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


James P. Burgess,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042407C]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Red Snapper Advisory Panel.

DATES: The Red Snapper AP meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 and conclude no later than 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 6401 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie, LA 70003; telephone: (504) 885–5700.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director, telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Red Snapper AP will be convened to review and comment on Draft Amendment 27 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan and Amendment 14 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan. This amendment contains potential management measures to modify the rebuilding plan for red snapper in order to end overfishing and recover this overfished stock. These measures would further reduce the directed red snapper harvest as well as bycatch from both the directed fishery and the shrimp fishery. Copies of the Amendment can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348–1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Red Snapper AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Red Snapper AP 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348–1630.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Deputy Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark on the envelope “Comments on Scallop Amendment 11.” Comments may also be sent via fax to (978)281–9135 or submitted via e-mail to Scallop.Eleven@noaa.gov with
“Comments on Scallop Amendment 11” in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agendas for the following six hearings are as follows: NEMFC staff will brief the public on the scallop amendment and the contents of the DSEIS prior to opening the hearing for public comments and the schedules are as follows:

Council Meetings: Locations, Schedules, and Agendas

1. Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 6 p.m.; Radisson Hotel, 287 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, MA 02601; telephone: (508) 771–1700.

2. Thursday, May 17, 2007 at 6 p.m.; Holiday Inn Express, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; telephone: (508) 997–1281.


4. Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 6 p.m.; UNH NE Conference Center, 15 Strafford Avenue, Durham, NH 03824; telephone: (603) 862–2001.


Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 working days prior to the meeting date.

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


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracey L. Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042407D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GAC meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The GAC will reconvene Wednesday, May 16, 2007 and Thursday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m. each day until their business is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GAC meeting will be held at the Hilton-Vancouver Hotel, Homlock-Oak Room, 301 W. 6th St., Vancouver, WA 98660; telephone: (360) 993–4500.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GAC meeting is to consider draft alternatives, preliminary analyses, and other material for rationalizing the Pacific Coast limited entry groundfish trawl industry (trawl rationalization), and for allocating Pacific Coast groundfish stocks and stock complexes to the various Pacific Coast fishery sectors (intersector allocation). Trawl rationalization issues will be discussed by the GAC on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15–16; and intersector allocation issues will be discussed on Thursday, May 17. No management actions will be decided by the GAC. The GAC’s role will be of development of recommendations and refinement of draft alternatives for analysis in two contemplated Environmental Impact Statements. The GAC recommendations will be provided for consideration by the Council at its June 2007 meeting in Foster City, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GAC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GAC action during this meeting. GAC 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 GAC’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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[No. DoD–2006–OS–0212]

Bill of Sale

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Dates: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 30, 2007.


Type of Request: Extension.


Responses per Respondent: 1.


Average Burden per Response: Industrial Security Review data.

Possessors of classified: 5.3 hours.

Non-Possessors of classified: 2 hours.

Industrial Security Facility Clearance Survey Data: 2 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: Industrial Security Review Data—39,999 hours.

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