SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The dates, times and locations of the scoping meetings are as follows:

1. Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., North Carolina Department of Marine Fisheries, Washington Regional Office Hearing Room, 943 Washington Square Mall, Highway 17, Washington, NC 27889; telephone: (252) 946–6481.

2. Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 4th Floor Meeting Room, 2600 Washington Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607; telephone: (757) 247–2200.

3. Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Congress Hall Hotel, 200 Congress Place, Cape May, NJ 08294; telephone: (844) 264–5030.

4. Monday September 21, 2015. 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Kingsborough Community College, Building T–3, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11235; telephone: (718) 368–5000.

5. Monday, September 28, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., University of Rhode Island, Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882; telephone: (401) 874–6222.

6. Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Marine Resources, Hearing Room, 205 North Bell Mead Road, Suite 1, East Setauket, NY 11733; telephone: (631) 444–0430.

7. Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Worcester County Library, Ocean Pines Branch, Meeting Room, 11107 Cathell Road, Berlin, MD 21811; telephone: (410) 208–4014.

8. Thursday, October 1, 2015, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m., Webinar. Information on how to connect to the webinar will be available on the events page of the Council Web site: *www.mafmc.org/council-events/*. There will be an audio only option which will require a phone connection.

The goal of this action is to proactively protect the ecosystem role of unmanaged forage species. In this context, ''unmanaged'' refers to species not currently managed by the Mid-Atlantic, New England, or South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, or the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Council has not yet determined which type of action it will develop. The action could take the form of a new fishery management plan, an amendment to an existing fishery management plan, or another action.

Scoping is the process of identifying issues, potential impacts, and a reasonable range of alternatives associated with a management action. Scoping provides the first and best opportunity for the public to make suggestions and raise concerns about new Council actions. Public comments early in the development of this action will help the Council identify effective management alternatives and issues of concern.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 26, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE148

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567–6789; fax: (617) 561–0798.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Advisors will review preliminary 2015 scallop survey results and discuss initial recommendations from the Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT) for FY 2016 and FY 2017 (default) fishery specifications (Framework 27). The Advisors will also provide input on potential Council work priorities for 2016 related to the scallop fishery management plan, and potentially identify recommendations for prioritizing the various potential work items. Staff will review from [draft analyses prepared for Amendment 19,] an action to address timing issues for fishery specifications, and advisors will identify preferred alternative recommendations. Staff will review progress on planning of a future workshop to discuss issues about potential inshore depletion. Finally, staff will review preliminary input from the PDT based on a Council motion to evaluate how to potentially improve information collected by observers on discard mortality and highgrading. Other business may be discussed.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 26, 2015.

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Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE136

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16–17, 2015, from 9 a.m. on September 16 and conclude by 2 p.m. on September 17. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Annapolis, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, MD 21401; telephone: (410) 224–3150.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331 or on their Web site at *www.mafmc.org.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be discussed at the SSC meeting include: Review fishery performance reports and recommend multi-year ABC specifications for spiny dogfish; receive report of peer review of data limited methods applied to *black sea bass* for potential changes to current and future ABC specifications; discuss research prioritization and five-year research plan; discuss outcomes from the Fifth National SSC Workshop; receive update on sex-specific research and population modeling for *summer flounder;* and review and discussion on how the SSC applies coefficient of variation levels to overfishing limit specifications.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 26, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE151

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 hold a two-day meeting of its Reef Fish Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 16–17, 2015, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day and will adjourn at 12 noon on Thursday.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's office; see below for address.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carrie Simmons, Executive Deputy Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; *carrie.simmons@gulfcouncil.org,* telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The meeting will begin with introductions, and will hold elections for a new chair and vice-chair. The Advisory Panel (AP) will then adopt the agenda, review and approve minutes from the July 29, 2014 Reef Fish AP meeting and July 30, 2014 Red Snapper AP meeting. Council staff will review the scope of work commissioned for this advisory panel. The AP will review and provide recommendations on Public Hearing Draft Amendment 39—Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper, and recent stock assessments on red grouper and gray triggerfish. The AP will also review and discuss Public Hearing Draft—Joint Amendment to Require Electronic Reporting for Charter Vessels and Headboats; an Options Paper on a Framework Action setting the gag recreational season and gag and black grouper minimum size limits; review of a Draft Framework Action to modify gear restrictions for yellowtail snapper; a Draft Options Paper on an amendment defining west Florida's shelf hogfish stock, and setting the annual catch limits (ACL) and status determination criteria; a Draft Options Paper to modify mutton snapper ACLs and establish commercial and recreational management measures. Lastly, the Advisory Panel will review Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC), a document on South Florida Management Issues, and SEDAR schedule; and will discuss Other Business, if any.

—Meeting Adjourns—

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is *https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi,* or go to the Council's Web site and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council Web site *http://www.gulfcouncil.org*). The username and password are both ''gulfguest''. Click on the ''Library Folder'', then scroll down to ''Reef Fish AP meeting 09–2015''.

The meeting will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's Web site, *http://www.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

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

Dated: August 26, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE100

Marine Mammals; File Nos. 14122, 14585

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Janice Straley, University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus, 1332 Seward Ave., Sitka, Alaska 99835, and Adam A. Pack, Ph.D., Departments of Psychology and Biology, University of Hawaii at Hilo, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo,