DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Socio-Economic Panel (SEP).

SUMMARY: The Council will hold a meeting of its SSC SEP to receive updates on fisheries issues being addressed by the Council and provide recommendations as appropriate. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The SEP meeting will be held February 6, 2018, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. and February 7, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (843) 744–4422. The meeting is open to members of the public. The meeting will also be available via webinar. Registration is required. Registration information will be posted on the Council’s website at http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meetings/ as it becomes available.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Hadley; 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: john.hadley@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items will be discussed by the SEP during the meeting:

1. An update on recent Council actions and the Council’s Citizen Science Program;
2. Review and discussion of the recent review of the Council’s Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program for the Wreckfish fishery;
3. Discussion on recreational reporting as proposed in Amendment 46 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic;
4. A review of the outline for a socioeconomic report of the Council’s managed fisheries;
5. Discussion on fishing trip metrics used to estimate the economic impacts of recreational fisheries for species managed by the Council; and
6. A presentation of the results from the Socio-Economic Profile of the Commercial Snapper Grouper Fishery in the South Atlantic.

The SEP will provide recommendations on agenda items as appropriate. Agenda items are subject to change. A public comment period on agenda items will be held at the beginning and end of the meeting.

Written comment to be considered by the SEP shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to the SEP meeting. For this meeting the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2018. An online comment form will be posted as it becomes available at the Council’s website at: http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meetings/.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: January 12, 2018.

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

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10 The most recently completed administrative review of the AD order (A–570–979) was completed on June 20, 2017, and covered December 1, 2014, through November 30, 2015. Therefore, the partial revocation for merchandise subject to the AD orders will be applied retroactively to unliquidated entries of merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after December 1, 2015. The most recently completed administrative review of the CVD order (C–570–980) was completed on July 10, 2017, and covered January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014. Therefore, the partial revocation for merchandise subject to the CVD order will be applied retroactively to unliquidated entries of merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after January 1, 2015.
SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet February 5, 2018 through February 12, 2018, in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meetings will be held Monday, February 5, 2018 through Monday, February 12, 2018. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES:
Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison St., Seattle, WA 98104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council, SSC, and AP will meet all day on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 for the Ecosystem Research Workshop in the Ballroom. The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the South Room on Thursday, February 8, continuing through Monday, February 12, 2018. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the East Room on Monday, February 5, and continue through Tuesday, February 6, 2018. The Council’s Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the North/West Room on Tuesday, February 6, and continue through Friday, February 9, 2018. The IFQ Committee will meet on Monday, February 5, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Marion Room. The Legislative Committee will meet on Monday, February 5, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Room TBD). The Ecosystem Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Marion Room.

Agenda
Monday, February 5, 2018 Through Monday, February 12, 2018
Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council’s plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.
(1) Executive Director’s Report
(2) NMFS Management Report
(3) ADFG Report
(4) USCG Report
(5) USFWS Report
(6) IPHC Report
(7) Protected Species Report
(8) BSAI Crab: Norton Sound RKC ACL, Crab Plan Team Report
(9) Small Vessels
(10) GOA Catcher Vessel Chinook PSC
(11) IFQ medical lease provision
(12) IFQ beneficiary designation provision
(13) IFQ Committee—Report on proposals
(14) Arctic Exploratory Fishing
(15) Observer and EM Projects
(16) Programmatic Groundfish Objectives
(17) Economic SAFE Report
(18) Staff Tasking

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports. The SSC agenda will include the following issues:
(1) AFSC Report
(2) GOA Climate Report
(3) Marine Mammal Status
(4) Draft Agenda for Plan Team Workshop
(5) BSAI Crab
(6) Arctic Exploratory Fishing
(7) GOA Chinook PSC
(8) Economic SAFE
(9) Pollock Ageing Method

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council’s primary peer review panel for scientific information as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including theOMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at http://www.npfmc.org/.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271–2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 12, 2018.
Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Pacific Island Fisheries; Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) of the draft 2017 benchmark stock assessments for Guam coral reef fish.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for meeting dates, times, and daily agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Seki, Director, NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC), tel 808–725–5360.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PIFSC scientists are conducting stock assessments on exploited Pacific Islands coral reef fish included in the Council’s fishery ecosystem plans. These stocks are generally classified as data-poor because they lack reliable, long-term, catch and fishing effort data. Historically, the Council has recommended, and NMFS has approved, setting annual catch limits (ACLs) using a percentile of median historical catch levels and, more recently, a biomass-augmented catch–MSY (maximum sustainable yield) method has been applied.

In an effort to use additional available data sources for these stocks, PIFSC scientists have conducted new coral reef fish assessments using length composition data, abundance data from diver surveys, and certain key population demographic parameters related to growth, maturity, and longevity. PIFSC scientists have been implementing an approach that uses size structure data to obtain an estimate...