

be able to disclose if any changes have been made to the as-filed electronic cost report after acceptance by the intermediary. If the as-filed electronic cost report does not pass all specified edits, the fiscal intermediary rejects the cost report and returns it to the provider for correction. For purposes of the requirements in paragraph (f)(2) of this section concerning due dates, an electronic cost report is not considered to be filed until it is accepted by the intermediary.

(iv) Effective for cost reporting periods ending on or after September 30, 1994, for hospitals and cost reporting periods beginning on or after October 1, 1995, for skilled nursing facilities and home health agencies, a provider must submit a hard copy of a settlement summary, a statement of certain worksheet totals found within the electronic file, and a statement signed by its administrator or chief financial officer certifying the accuracy of the electronic file or the manually prepared cost report. The following statement must immediately precede the dated signature of the provider's administrator or chief financial officer:

I hereby certify that I have read the above certification statement and that I have examined the accompanying electronically filed or manually submitted cost report and the Balance Sheet Statement of Revenue and Expenses prepared by _____ (Provider Name(s) and Number(s)) for the cost reporting period beginning _____ and ending _____ and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this report and statement are true, correct, complete and prepared from the books and records of the provider in accordance with applicable instructions, except as noted. I further certify that I am familiar with the laws and regulations regarding the provision of health care services, and that the services identified in this cost report were provided in compliance with such laws and regulations.

(v) A provider may request a delay or waiver of the electronic submission requirement in paragraph (f)(4)(ii) of this section if this requirement would cause a financial hardship. The provider must submit a written request for delay or waiver with necessary supporting documentation to its intermediary at least 120 days prior to the end of its cost reporting period. The intermediary reviews the request and forwards it with a recommendation for approval or denial, to HCFA central office within 30 days of receipt of the request. HCFA central office either approves or denies the request and notifies the intermediary within 60 days of receipt of the request.

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Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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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: Public hearings; requests for comments.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) will convene nine public hearings on Draft Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic (FMP) and its draft supplemental environmental impact statement (draft SEIS).

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until January 5, 1996. The hearings will be held from December 11 to December 14, 1995. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to and copies of the draft amendment are available from Mr. Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33609.

The hearings will be held in AL, FL, LA, MS and TX. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of the hearings and special accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, 813-228-2815; Fax: 813-225-7015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils will be holding public hearings on Draft Amendment 8 to the FMP and its draft SEIS.

Amendment 8 proposes management measures for the fisheries for king and

Spanish mackerel, cobia and dolphin (fish). Amendment 8 proposes some measures that (1) apply only to the South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction, (2) apply only to the Gulf Council's jurisdiction, or (3) apply to both Councils' jurisdictions. Proposed actions that would affect only the stocks and area under the jurisdiction of the Gulf of Mexico Council are as follows: Allow Gulf group king mackerel that can be taken only by hook-and-line (including longline) and run-around gill nets to be possessed on vessels with other gear aboard; require commercial dealer permits to buy and sell coastal pelagic fish managed under the FMP and require that dealers keep and make available records of purchase by vessel; establish a 5-year moratorium, beginning on October 16, 1995, on the issuance of both commercial vessel permits with a king mackerel endorsement and charter vessel permits; provide for transfer of vessel permits to other vessels; require that anyone applying for a commercial vessel permit demonstrate that 25 percent of annual income, or \$5,000, be from commercial fishing; and require, that, as a condition for a Federal commercial or charter vessel permit, the applicant agrees to comply with the more restrictive of state or Federal rules when fishing in state waters. Amendment 8 also includes the following measures that apply to both Councils' jurisdictions: Recreational bag and commercial trip limit alternatives for cobia and dolphin (fish); retention of king mackerel damaged by barracuda bites by vessels under commercial trip limits; alternatives for Atlantic king mackerel commercial trip limits off Monroe County, FL of either 50 fish or 125 fish; changes to the procedure used to set total allowable catch; and changes to definitions of overfishing and optimum yield. Proposed measures in Amendment 8 applying only to the area and stocks under the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic Council will be summarized in news releases for public hearings to be held in the South Atlantic area during January 1996.

The hearings are scheduled from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. as follows:

1. Monday, December 11, 1995, Larose—Larose Regional Park, 2001 East 5th Street, Larose, LA 70373

2. Monday, December 11, 1995, Port Aransas—Visitor's Center Auditorium, University of Texas, 750 Channel View Drive, Port Aransas, TX 78373

3. Monday, December 11, 1995, Key West—Lions Club, 2405 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040

4. Tuesday, December 12, 1995, Biloxi—J.L. Scott Marine Education

Center and Aquarium, 115 East Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530

5. Tuesday, December 12, 1995,
Galveston—Best Western Beachfront Inn, 5914 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77551

6. Wednesday, December 13, 1995,
Gulf Shores—Quality Inn Beachside, 931 West Gulf Shores Boulevard, Gulf Shores, AL 36547

7. Wednesday, December 13, 1995,
Panama City—National Marine Fisheries Service, Panama City

Laboratory, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408

8. Wednesday, December 13, 1995,
Cameron—Police Jury Annex, Courthouse Square, Cameron, LA 70631

9. Thursday, December 14, 1995,
Madeira Beach—City Hall Auditorium, 3001 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 4, 1995.

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

Dated: November 28, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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