

convene a public meeting of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on February 12, 1997, and will conclude at 12:00 noon on February 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Pascagoula Laboratory, 3209 Frederic Street, Pascagoula, MS.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 12, the RFSAP members, in conjunction with a representative of NMFS, the Council's Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and the shrimp industry will review recommendations of a select group of statisticians regarding changes to the database and methodology used in estimating shrimp trawl bycatch of red snapper. The combined group will make recommendations for additional analyses of the data for estimating shrimp trawl bycatch, if any, that should be performed by NMFS for subsequent review by the SSC and the Council.

On February 13 and February 14, the RFSAP will re-examine stock assessment information for vermilion snapper and potentially develop proposed management options for Council consideration that would phase in total allowable catch levels, a quota, and bag limits over a 3-year period to gradually reduce harvest levels.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 5, 1997.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Stone Crab Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: This meeting will be held on February 20, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Monroe County Regional Service Center, 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL; telephone: (305) 743-6727.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review effort and landing trends in the fishery and indicate to the Council whether the industry supports development of a limited access system and structure of such a system.

The AP will hold a fact-finding hearing prior to their meeting to obtain suggestions on the structure of the limited access system from fishermen in other areas. The hearing will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on February 19, 1997 at the Radisson Inn Fort Myers, 12635 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL; telephone: (941) 936-2058.

The AP is comprised of fishermen and other user groups who advise the Council on fishery issues.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 13, 1997.

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish

Committee and its Comprehensive Management Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, February 18, to Thursday, February 20, 1997. On Tuesday, the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet from 1:00-4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at which time the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Atlantic City West, 6821 Black Horse Pike, Atlantic City, NJ 08232, telephone 1-800-782-9237.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Council's joint venture processing policy and the 1997 Atlantic mackerel joint venture processing specifications, hear a report on the Stock Assessment Workshop, discuss NMFS proposed regulations concerning essential fish habitat, have a presentation on NMFS proposed weakfish regulations, discuss vessel replacement criteria in Comprehensive Management, possible adoption of Amendment 1 to the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan for public hearings, and other fishery management matters. In addition, there will be discussion regarding Mr. Schmitten's inquiry into the rebuilding schedule of summer flounder during the Executive Director's Report.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at least five days prior to the meeting dates.

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and