

account in evaluating current applications to the program.

Legal Authority

The Commercial Service has the legal authority to enter into the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding with the show organizer under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2455(f)). The statutory authority for the Commercial Service to conduct the International Buyer Program is 15 U.S.C. 4724.

John Klingelhut,

Director, Office of Public/Private Initiatives, The Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 will convene a public meeting of the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 1998 and conclude by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans, 333 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-525-9444.

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, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standing SSC will review the Draft Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment. As mandated by the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA), the Council has developed a Generic EFH amendment that identifies essential fish habitat for all species currently under

management by the Council. The amendment does not include any alternatives for management measures. Future management measures, if needed, will be developed through amendments to individual fishery management plans (FMPs). The SSC will also review reports of the Ad Hoc Crustacean and Finfish Stock Assessment Panels (SAP) that include alternatives for the overfishing criteria, as required by the SFA, and proxies for expressing maximum sustainable yield (MSY) and optimum yield (OY) in terms of spawning potential ratio (SPR), spawning stock biomass per recruit (SSBR), or other credible analyses as appropriate for the stocks or stock complexes of each FMP: shrimp, stone crab, and spiny lobster (Crustacean SAP Report) and for coastal migratory pelagics, reef fish, and red drum (Finfish SAP Report). Alternatives for rebuilding periods for stocks that have been classified as overfished by NMFS and modifications to the framework procedures for specifying acceptable biological catch (ABC) and total allowable catch (TAC) will be considered, where appropriate.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the SSC 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. The SSC's actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

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 June 29, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Bluefin Tuna Rebuilding Workshop; Correction

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

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the Notice of public meeting (63 FR 33054, June 17, 1998) that states the second bluefin tuna rebuilding workshop of the Advisory Committee to the United States section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic tunas will be open to the public. The first session of the workshop (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) will be open to the public, but the second session (1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) will be closed. Also, registration for the workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop will start at 9 a.m.

DATES: The workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Krieger, (301)713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After further consideration, it has been determined that the Advisory Committee will go into executive session from 1:30 p.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. during the June 26 workshop. The Advisory Committee will be discussing information that relates to the U.S. negotiating position for the 1998 Annual Meeting of ICCAT. Technical Advisors to the Advisory Committee and other members of the public may not attend the closed executive session. The determination to close this portion of the meeting is consistent with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and the Advisory Committee's Statement of Operating Practices and Procedures.

Registration for the workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the open session of the workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jonathon Krieger at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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