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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department sponsors DOC PS 20-94 under procedures established in Part 10 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations and administered by NIST. The ALSC is the Standing Committee for PS 20-94 and is responsible for maintaining the standard. The Committee will meet on November 6, 1998, to discuss and vote upon a draft revision of DOC PS 20-94. The draft was developed by an ALSC Task Group after it had considered comments received from Committee members and other interested parties who responded to NIST's announcement of March 30, 1998, in the *NIST Update*. In the NIST announcement, NIST indicated that as part of the Department's 5-year review, mandated by the DOC procedures, it was seeking comments on the standard to determine its technical adequacy, the level of acceptability the standard's compatibility with existing law and established public policy, and the benefits that would be derived from PS 20-94 versus any alternatives. Based upon the recommendation of the ALSC, NIST will reaffirm, revise, or withdraw the standard, as appropriate.

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Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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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 (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Ad Hoc Marine Reserves Scientific and Statistical Committee (MRSSC).

DATES: The meeting of the MRSSC will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 1998 and conclude by 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 22.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225

Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-877-6688.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MRSSC will convene to prepare a scoping document on the possible use of marine reserves in the Gulf of Mexico. The purpose of the MRSSC is to work with Council staff in developing the scoping document in order to help managers and the public become better informed about marine reserves and their application. The target audience for this document is the Council, resource user groups, and others interested in the marine environment and its resources. Once the scoping document is completed, the Council will conduct a series of public scoping workshops.

The MRSSC is composed of biologists, economists, sociologists, a lawyer, and an enforcement officer who are knowledgeable about marine reserves and their potential for use in the Gulf of Mexico.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the committee 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 committee 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 October 14, 1998.

Dated: October 2, 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

[I.D. 093098D]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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 Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Friday October 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-877-6688.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEP members will meet to review available social and economic data on red snapper, and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catches (ABC) recommended by the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP). The SEP may recommend to the Council a total allowable catch (TAC) for the 1999 fishing year. The SEP will also discuss issues raised by the Sustainable Fisheries Act. Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Gulf Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

Special Accommodations

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