

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 Red Snapper Advisory Panel (AP) from August 12–14, 2002.

DATES: The Council's Ad Hoc Red Snapper AP will convene at 8:30 a.m. (CST) on Monday, August 12, 2002 and conclude by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL; 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: Mr. Wayne Swingle, Executive Director, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone 813–228–2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AP will convene to discuss the issues related to and continue the development of an individual fishing quota (IFQ) profile for the commercial red snapper fishery. The profile will examine the benefits and consequences of using IFQs to manage the commercial red snapper fishery. When the profile is completed by the AP and Council, it will be submitted to the current participants in the fishery for a referendum to determine if the majority of the participants favor management by IFQs.

The AP members consist of commercial fishermen holding Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper licenses, and licensed commercial reef fish dealers. They are assisted by 4 non-voting members with expertise in fishery economics, fishery biology, environmental science, and law enforcement. The completion of the profile will require several subsequent meetings of this AP.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813–228–2815.

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 August 5, 2002.

Dated: July 24, 2002.

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U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: July 23, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Defense Against Terrorists' Use of Biological Weapons will meet in closed session on August 19, 2002; September 19, 2002; and October 18, 2002, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. This Task Force will assess the scope of activities conducted by the DoD to ensure its future preparedness to deter, defend against, respond to, and attribute attack of the U.S. homeland by terrorists using biological weapons.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will conduct an assessment of the probable biological threats and the implications of new technologies on the threat spectrum, deterrence and consequence management; identify new technologies to provide satisfactory surveillance and verification of known and emerging diseases to ensure implementation of proactive defense measures and event mitigation; identify reliable and effective vaccines, anti-viral drugs and antibiotics, including the availability of sufficient vaccine and drug manufacturing capacity; determine logistical adequacy of the current supply chain for drug and vaccine production; identify capabilities to achieve reliable attribution of attackers once a BW attack has occurred; and identify defense capabilities and postures that have the largest potential for comprehensive protection of military and civilian targets.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5