Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228–2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Draft Amendment 23 (FMP) contains alternatives for the vermilion snapper population in the Gulf of Mexico that was declared to be overfished and undergoing overfishing on October 30, 2003. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Council has one year from that date to develop a plan to end overfishing and rebuild the stock. Draft Amendment 23 specifies alternatives to set stock status determination criteria and biological reference points that determine when overfishing has ended and the vermilion snapper stock is no longer overfished. Alternatives that establish a plan to end overfishing and rebuild the stock include 10–year and 7–year rebuilding plans and harvest reduction measures that change size limits, bag limits, trip limits, or specify quotas or seasonal closures.

Following presentation and comment on draft Amendment 23, the Council will present the scoping document for the extension of the moratorium on the issuance of additional charter vessel/headboat permits. The rule creating the moratorium on the issuance of the permits was implemented through Amendment 14 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP and Amendment 20 to the Reef Fish FMP effective June 16, 2003, for a 3–year period (68 FR 26230). The scoping document presents alternatives for consideration and comment by the public for allowing the permit moratorium to expire at the end of the 3–year period or to extend the moratorium period by another 3 to 6 years. The rationale for alternatives for extension of the moratorium is that during the extended period the Council would consider a more complex limited access system for the charter vessel/headboat fishery. If the Council were to determine the more complex system was needed then additional time would be necessary to develop and implement an amendment for that purpose. The Council is soliciting public comment on these issues through the scoping hearings and by mail.

Times and Locations of Hearings

The public hearings will be held at the following locations and dates beginning at 7:00 p.m. and concluding no later than 10 p.m.:

1. Monday, June 7, 2004, Naples Depot Civic Cultural Center (Windisch Room), 1051 5th Avenue South, Naples, FL 34102; telephone: 239–262–1776;
2. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, City of Madeira Beach, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33702; telephone: 727–391–9951;
3. Monday, June 21, 2004, New Orleans Airport Hilton, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062; telephone: 504–469–5000;
4. Tuesday, June 22, 2004, MS Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530; telephone: 228–374–5000;
5. Wednesday, June 23, 2004, Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach, AL 36561; telephone: 251–981–9811;
6. Thursday, June 24, 2004, Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, FL 32541; telephone: 850–654–5184;
7. Monday, June 28, 2004, Laguna Madre Learning Center, Port Isabel High School, Highway 100, Port Isabel, TX 78578; telephone: 956–943–0052;
8. Tuesday, June 29, 2004, Port Aransas Community Center, 408 N Alister, Port Aransas, TX 78373; telephone: 361–749–4111; and
9. Wednesday, June 30, 2004, San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston Island, TX 77551; telephone: 409–740–8616.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Trish Kennedy at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by May 28, 2004.

Dated: May 18, 2004.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051204A]

Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS); Certification of New VMS Unit for Use in Northeast Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice of VMS unit certification.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the approval and certification of the SkyMate VMS unit for use in all fisheries in the northeastern United States in which VMS units are required.

DATES: This new SkyMate VMS unit can be used effective May 24, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Northeast Office for Law Enforcement, VMS Program, telephone 978–281–9213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations at 50 CFR 648.9 set forth VMS requirements for fisheries in the northeastern United States that require the use of VMS for fishery monitoring and/or reporting. Specifically, § 648.9(b) lists minimum VMS performance criteria that a VMS unit must meet in order to be certified for use.

The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, has reviewed all components of the SkyMate and other information provided by the vendor and has certified the following unit for use in all Northeast fisheries in which VMS units are required: SkyMate VMS, available from SkyMate Inc., 14000 Willard Road, Suite #2, Chantilly, VA, 20151; phone 703–636–4220 or 866–SKYMATE; fax 703–814–8585; email *skymate.com*.

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

May 18, 2004.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 25, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at http://www.cbp.gov. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at http://otexa.ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: