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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold public meetings in January 2005. The agenda topics for these meetings can be found under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The Council will convene on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will reconvene on Thursday, January 27, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., approximately.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Best Western San Juan Airport Hotel located at the Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 117th regular public meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

January 26, 2005, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 116th Council Meeting Verbatim Minutes
 - Executive Director's Report
 - Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Document

January 27, 2005, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Continuation of Discussion on SFA Document
- Other Business
- Next Council Meeting

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English, however simultaneous translation (English to Spanish) will be provided. Fishers and other interested persons are

invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or to request sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Miguel A. Rolón at the Caribbean Fishery Management Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121504D]

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 Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP). The AP will receive reports on the status and health of the shrimp stocks as well as a report on the biological and economic aspects of the 2004 Cooperative Shrimp Closure with the state of Texas. The AP will also review Draft Amendment 13 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP) addressing maximum sustainable yield (MSY), optimum yield (OY), minimum stock size threshold (MSST), and maximum fishing mortality threshold (MFMT) for shrimp stocks, as well as improved effort alternatives and standardized bycatch reporting

methodologies and alternatives for a shrimp permit moratorium.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the New Orleans Airport Ramada Inn & Suites, 110 James Drive East, St. Rose, LA; telephone: (504) 466-1355. Copies of the meeting agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 228-2815.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Shrimp AP will receive reports from NMFS on the status and health of the shrimp stocks as well as a report on the biological and economic aspects of the 2004 Cooperative Shrimp Closure with the state of Texas. The Shrimp AP may make recommendations for a cooperative closure with Texas for 2005. The Shrimp AP will also review Draft Amendment 13 to the FMP addressing MSY, OY, MSST, and MFMT for shrimp stocks, as well as improved effort alternatives and standardized bycatch reporting methodologies and alternatives for a shrimp permit moratorium.

The Shrimp AP consists principally of commercial shrimp fishermen, dealers, and association representatives.

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 (Magnuson-Stevens 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 agenda 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.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 29, 2004.

Dated: December 16, 2004.

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. 121504C]

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 will convene public meetings along with the Council's Administrative Policy Committee, Data Collection Committee, Habitat Protection Committee, Mackerel Management Committee, Reef Fish Management Committee, Shrimp Management Committee, and the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee. Joint meetings will also be held by the Artificial Reef/Reef Fish Committees and the Reef Fish/Mackerel Committees. The agenda for these meetings can be found under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The Council will meet January 12, 2005, from 1 to 5:15 p.m. and January 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Committee meetings will be held January 10, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., January 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and January 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Baton Rouge, 102 France Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda for the Fishery Management Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2005

1 p.m. - Convene.

1:15 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. - Receive public testimony on (1) Final Reef Fish Amendment 24, (2) Final CMP

Amendment 15, (3) Final essential fish habitat (EFH) Amendment 3, (4) the Texas Shrimp Closure, and (5) exempted fishing permits (if any).

3:30 p.m. — 3:45 p.m. - Receive the Habitat Protection Committee report.

3:45 p.m. — 4:15 p.m. - Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

4:15 p.m. — 4:45 p.m. - Receive the Mackerel Management Committee report.

4:45 p.m. — 5:15 p.m. - Receive the Joint Artificial Reef/ Reef Fish Committee report.

Thursday, January 13, 2005

8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. - Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

10:30 a.m. — 10:45 a.m. - Receive the Data Collection Committee report.

10:45 a.m. — 11 a.m. - Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Committee report.

11 a.m. — 11:15 a.m. - Receive the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee report.

11:15 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. - Receive the Administrative Policy Committee report.

11:30 a.m. — 11:45 a.m. - Receive the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting report.

11:45 a.m. — 12 noon - Receive the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting report.

12 noon — 12:15 p.m. - Receive Enforcement Reports.

12:15 p.m. — 12:30 p.m. - Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's report.

12:30 p.m. — 12:45 p.m. - Receive Director's Reports.

12:45 p.m. — 1 p.m. - Other business.

Agenda for Committee Meetings

Monday, January 10, 2005

9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. - The Shrimp Management Committee will review the public hearing draft of Shrimp Amendment 13 which addresses limited access in the shrimp fishery. They will also review scientific analyses of the effect of the cooperative shrimp closure with the state of Texas and determine whether the closure should be implemented in 2005.

1 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet take final action on Reef Fish Amendment 24. The Committee will discuss a proposed vessel buy-out program for the Gulf commercial grouper fishery based on funding provided by Congress and review a biological opinion on the effect of the Gulf reef fish fishery, proposed by NMFS, under the Endangered Species Act. The Committee will also review a

draft of Reef Fish Amendment 18A addressing the grouper fishery and a preliminary draft of a red grouper regulatory amendment providing for commercial vessel trip limits.

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will reconvene to complete its work.

10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. - The Mackerel Management Committee will meet to take final action on CMP Amendment 15.

1 p.m. — 2 p.m. - The Joint Artificial Reef/Reef Fish Committees will review a Mississippi Fishing Banks Special Management Zone Request.

2 p.m. — 3 p.m. - The Data Collection Committee will hear an update by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission on its Fisheries Information Network (FIN) program.

3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Committees will review an options paper for an amendment that would extend the charter vessel permit moratorium.

4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will review feasibility studies for distribution of Council mail via email and video/teleconferencing of public hearings or meetings.

Wednesday, January 12, 2005

8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. - The Habitat Protection Committee will take final action on the EFH Amendment by developing their recommendations to Council.

9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. - The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will meet to review NMFS actions on developing social survey documents and address developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for soliciting contractual support in carrying out social ecosystem surveys. They will also discuss the role of the Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

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