

Advisory Report, which summarizes the status of the stock. Participants for SEDAR workshops are appointed by the Regional Fishery Management Councils. Participants include data collectors, database managers, stock assessment scientists, biologists, fisheries researchers, fishermen, environmentalists, Council members, international experts, and staff of Regional Councils, Interstate Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

During the Assessment Workshop a stock assessment will be developed based on consensus data compiled during the Data Workshop. The product of the Assessment Workshop is a detailed assessment report which will comprise one component of the SEDAR 8 report. During the Review Workshop and independent panel of peers including stock assessment experts, biologists, researchers, fishermen, and environmentalists will review the assessment and data reports. The product of the Review Workshop will be a consensus summary detailing the review panel's opinions, recommendations, and conclusions regarding the stock assessment.

The Review Workshop for SEDAR 8 will also review a stock assessment of South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Spiny Lobster conducted by the State of Florida.

The Assessment Workshop will be held at the Divi Carina Bay Resort in Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI. The workshop schedule is as follows:

March 14, 2005, 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.

March 15 17, 2005, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

March 18, 2005, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Please note that during the scheduled times there will be a mixture of workshop plenary sessions and dedicated group working sessions. The actual schedule of sessions during each day will be determined on an as-needed basis.

The Review Workshop will be held at the Best Western San Juan Airport in Carolina, Puerto Rico. The workshop schedule is as follows:

May 16, 2005, 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.

May 17 19, 2005, 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

May 20, 2005, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Please note that during the scheduled times there will be a mixture of workshop plenary sessions and dedicated group working sessions. The actual schedule of sessions during each day will be determined on an as-needed basis.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 business days prior to the workshop.

Dated: February 22, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 its Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club and Spa, One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.228.2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene the Law

Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP) to review law enforcement concerns regarding violations of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary and the Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary. The LEAP will also discuss problems with repackaging of foreign shrimp. With regard to ongoing activities of the Council, the LEAP will review and possibly make recommendations regarding alternatives in the Final Draft Amendment 13 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Waters, as well as an Options Paper that would potentially extend the existing moratorium on the issuance of new charter vessel permits, an Options Paper with alternatives for a Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ), and an Options Paper to potentially allow offshore aquaculture. The LEAP will also receive reports on the status of implementation for amendments and regulatory actions previously submitted by the Council and activity reports from the various state and Federal agencies.

The LEAP consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf states, as well as the NMFS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the U.S. Coast Guard, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) General Counsel. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the LEAP 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.

Actions of the LEAP 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.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 March 7, 2005.

Dated: February 22, 2005.

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