

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 051705D]

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 its Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: The meeting will be convene at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2005, and conclude no later than 2 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn & Suites New Orleans Airport, 110 James Drive East, St. Rose, LA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Assane Diagne, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.228.2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) to review the Red Snapper Stock Assessment and discuss data requirements for socioeconomic evaluations of individual fishing quota (IFQ) programs. In addition, the SEP will hear a presentation on policy implications of alternative modeling approaches for recreational fishing activities. The SEP will prepare a report containing their conclusions and recommendations. This report will be presented to the Council at its meeting on July 11–14, 2005, in Fort Myers Beach, FL.

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 SEP 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 this meeting. Actions of the SEP 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 May 31, 2005.

Dated: May 17, 2005.

Tracey Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 051705E]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Magnuson-Stevens Committee in June, 2005 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 6, 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific time and location of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465–0492. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Monday, June 6, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. Magnuson-Stevens Committee Meeting**

Location: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

The Magnuson-Stevens Committee will discuss issues relevant to

reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in 2005. Positions developed by the Council Chairmen this year will be reviewed along with past Council comments. Recommendations will be updated and forwarded to the full Council for their consideration at its June 21–23 meeting in Portland, ME.

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 listed in this notice 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 final 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 Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: May 17, 2005.

Tracey Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 051705C]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings June 1 through June 9, 2005.

DATES: The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 1 and continue through Sunday June 5, 2005. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2005, and continue through Friday, June 3, 2005.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Friday June 3

continuing through Thursday June 9. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Thursday, June 2, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Enforcement Committee will meet Thursday, June 2, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Alyeska Prince Hotel, Seward Highway, Girdwood, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports

Executive Director's Report
NMFS Management Report (includes comment on proposed rule language for Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Amendment 79 and Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements for Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) measures and possible Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for specifications process)

U.S. Coast Guard Report
NMFS Enforcement Report
Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Report (GHL issues delayed to October)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
North Pacific Research Board (NPRB) Report
Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC) Fishery Interaction research

Protected Species Report (includes update on Council/Board of Fisheries Committee and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) listing)

Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS)

2. Community Development Quota (CDQ) Management of Reserves: Status Report and action as necessary to refine alternatives

3. GOA Groundfish Rationalization: Receive Community Committee report. Review Preliminary Alternatives for Tanner Crab Bycatch. Review other information and refine alternatives

4. GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project: Final action

5. BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations: Review discussion paper on seasonal allocation issues and refine alternatives as necessary. Review discussion paper on alternative in-season management measures and refine alternatives as necessary

6. BSAI Salmon Bycatch: Initial Review

7. Bairdi Crab Split: Initial Review

8. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Initial Review of Amendment 80 Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA) (Head & Gut Cooperatives)

9. Observer Program Restructuring: Update of on Fair Labor Standard Act issues and discussion with Department of Labor. Preliminary Review of EA/RIR/IRFA. Review of Observer Advisory Committee report

10. Groundfish Management: GOA Other Species calculation: Final Action

11. Crab: Crab Plan Team report, action as necessary

12. Ecosystem Management: Review Aleutian Island Area-specific management discussion paper, action as appropriate; review discussion paper on the Council's role in Ecosystem Approach Management, action as appropriate

13. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and committees and initiate action as appropriate. Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (PSEIS) Priorities, review objectives and develop workplan

14. Other Business

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC): The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

GOA Rockfish Demonstration Project
BS/AI Salmon Bycatch

Bairdi Crab Split

IR/IU

Observer Program

North Pacific Research Board Report

AFSC Fishery Research

Protected Species Report

AOOS Report

Crab

Ecosystem Management

Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050905E]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS); Notice of Sea Turtle Release/Protocol Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: NMFS is announcing workshops that will demonstrate proper sea turtle handling, resuscitation, and release techniques for vessel operators using bottom longline (BLL) gear to catch sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico. The workshops will also summarize the current regulations pertaining to safe handling and release protocols and requirements for possession and use of mitigation equipment for sea turtles and other protected resources.

DATES: The workshops will be held in June 2005. For specific dates and times see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The workshops will be held in Galveston and Port Isabel, TX; Venice, LA; Panama City, Madeira Beach, Key West, and Cocoa Beach, FL; Charleston, SC; and Manteo, NC. For specific locations see the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlie Bergmann, 3209 Frederic St., Pascagoula, MS 39567 or by phone at 228-762-4591 (office phone) or 228-623-0748 (cellular phone).

Additional information on Highly Migratory Species (HMS) management can be found online at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms> or by calling the Highly Migratory Species Management Division at 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Atlantic tuna, swordfish, shark, and billfish fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), which authorizes rulemaking as may be necessary and appropriate to implement recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Implementing regulations for the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks and the Billfish Fishery