

Thursday, November 3, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below may be subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Omni Bayfront Hotel, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Portland, Maine 04192.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MPA FAC, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158 on MPAs. The meeting will be open to public participation, with a one hour time period set aside from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2005, and one hour set aside from 8:10 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2005, for the Committee to receive verbal comments or questions from the public. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by Friday, October 28, 2005.

*Matters To Be Considered:* On Tuesday, November 1, the Committee will elect a chair and vice chair, and will receive its new charge from the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior. The Committee will discuss and form the subcommittees needed to address the charge. On Wednesday, November 2, the Committee will receive a response from the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior on their recommendations submitted in June 2005, and discuss the framework for developing the national system. On Thursday, November 3, the subcommittees will meet to begin developing a work plan. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: September 27, 2005.

**Eldon Hout,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Scientific and Statistical Committee, Biological Assessment Subcommittee, Socio-economic Subcommittee**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, Biological Subcommittee and Socio-economic Subcommittee.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and SSC Biological Subcommittee and Socio-economic Subcommittee in Charleston, South Carolina.

**DATES:** The meetings will take place October 19-21, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hampton Inn, 678 Citadel Haven Drive, Charleston, SC 29414; phone 800/426-7866 or 843/573-1200, FAX 843/556-6078.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, S.C., 29407-4699; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; FAX 843/769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the Council's scientific materials. The Council will hold a meeting of its SSC Biological Assessment Subcommittee from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on October 19, 2005. The Socio-economic Subcommittee will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on October 20, 2005. The full SSC will meet from 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. on October 20, 2005 and from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on October 21, 2005.

Subcommittees will review materials and provide recommendations to the full SSC. The SSC will then make recommendations for the Council to consider. Materials for discussion and

recommendations include: a review of Amendment 13C to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP), species groupings as proposed in Amendment 13B to the Snapper Grouper FMP, the structure and functions of the SSC, a review of technical information and available data addressing overfishing in the Report to Congress, and longer term management items including marine protected areas and the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meetings. Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: September 29, 2005.

**Emily Menashes,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings and hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council(s) (Council) will convene a joint meeting of all its Plan Teams (Pelagics, Bottomfish, Crustaceans, Precious Corals, Coral Reef Ecosystem) on Thursday October 13 and Friday October 14, 2005, to review draft Fishery Ecosystem Plans (FEPs). Further, the Council will also hold several public hearings to seek input on the proposal to develop draft FEPs for the Mariana Islands, Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa, the US Pacific remote islands and the western Pacific pelagic ecosystem. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific times, dates, and agenda items.

**ADDRESSES:** The Joint Plan Team and SSC meetings will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164