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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 (Council) will convene its Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) and its Standing and Special Mackerel and Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 and conclude by 12 noon on Thursday, August 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33607

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will convene the Standing and Special Mackerel SSC at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, to consider and possibly make recommendations on a report on mixing and other aspects of a previous stock assessment for king mackerel developed by a special, joint SSC made up of SSC members from the Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The Council will then convene the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and its Reef Fish AP in a joint session on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., to receive presentations of stock assessment results for vermilion snapper, greater amberjack, gray triggerfish, and gag grouper.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on August 9, 2006, the Reef Fish AP will discuss these stock assessments and potentially

provide recommendations to the Council. The Reef Fish AP will also consider and possibly provide recommendations on alternatives in a Draft Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14 that could: (1) Change the total allowable catch (TAC) for red snapper, (2) change the minimum size limit for red snapper, (3) change the recreational fishing season and bag limit for red snapper, (4) reduce the bag limit of red snapper for captains and crew of for-hire vessels to zero, (5) modify allowable fishing gear to possibly include changes to the type and size of hooks used to harvest red snapper, and (6) cap effort in the shrimp fishery to further reduce bycatch.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on August 10, 2006, the Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will reconvene to discuss and possibly make recommendations regarding the stock assessments for vermilion snapper, greater amberjack, gray triggerfish, and gag grouper and potentially provide recommendations to the Council. The SSC will also consider and possibly provide recommendations on alternatives in a Draft Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14 that could: (1) Change the total allowable catch (TAC) for red snapper, (2) change the minimum size limit for red snapper, (3) change the recreational fishing season and bag limit for red snapper, (4) reduce the bag limit of red snapper for captains and crew of for-hire vessels to zero, (5) modify allowable fishing gear to possibly include changes to the type and size of hooks used to harvest red snapper, and (6) cap effort in the shrimp fishery to further reduce bycatch.

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Reef Fish Advisory Panel, 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 Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Reef Fish Advisory Panel 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 Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet, in Juneau, AK.

DATES: They will begin their plenary session at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15 and continue through the Wednesday, August 16, 2006..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Federal Building, 709 W 9th Avenue, 4th Floor, NMFS Conference Room, Juneau, AK 99801.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff contact, Bill Wilson; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SSC review of the Steller Sea Lion recovery plan: (1) Review of the recovery plan through Appendix 2 (ending on p. 217); (2) review of the PVA (Appendix 3, starting on p. 218); and (3) review of the Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee mitigation tool.

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting/Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: NOAA Fisheries and The Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a workshop to discuss the availability and treatment of data in West Coast groundfish stock assessments as well as general modeling issues, including a review of the features and functionality of the Stock Synthesis 2 modeling platform.

DATES: The Data/Modeling workshop will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2006 through Thursday, August 10, 2006. The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The Data/Modeling workshop will be held at the NOAA Western Regional Center (WRC), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Room 2076, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC); telephone: (206) 860-3480; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Data/Modeling workshop is to review available data sources for West Coast groundfish stock assessments and discuss general modeling issues. Topics will include a review of available data, reconstructing historical catch series, standardizing methods for constructing age and length compositions and ageing-error matrices, sample-size issues, the features and functionality of the Stock Synthesis 2 modeling platform, appropriate spatial scales for assessments, as well as the treatment of uncertainty in tuning

indices and parameter values (use of priors).

All participants are encouraged to pre-register for the workshop by contacting Ms. Stacey Miller, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) by phone at (206) 860-3480 or by e-mail at *Stacey.Miller@noaa.gov*.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the workshop participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal workshop action during this meeting. Workshop 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 305c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the workshop participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Pre-registration for the workshop will expedite entry to the NOAA WRC. All WRC visitors will be required to show a valid picture ID and register with security every morning. A visitor's badge, which must be worn while at the NOAA Facility, will be issued to non-Federal employees participating in the meeting. Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Oculina Evaluation Team, in Cape Canaveral, FL.

DATES: The meeting will take place August 21-23, 2006. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral, FL; telephone: (800) 333-3333 or (321) 784-0000; fax: (321) 783-7718.

Council address: One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: *kim.iverson@safmc.net*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the Oculina Evaluation Team will meet from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. on August 21, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on August 22, 2006, and from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on August 23, 2006.

In June 2004, the Council approved Amendment 13A to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management plan that extended regulations, including the prohibition of harvest or possession of snapper grouper, in the Oculina Experimental Closed Area for an indefinite period. As part of the extension, the Council will review the size and configuration of the area within 3 years of the Final Rule (March 26, 2004) and perform a complete evaluation within a 10-year period.

The Council has established an evaluation team as part of its Evaluation Plan for the Oculina Experimental Closed Area. The team will review and provide recommendations for the ongoing research and monitoring, outreach, and law enforcement components of the Evaluation Plan that will assist the Council to complete the 3-year size and configuration evaluation. Members of the Oculina Evaluation Team include scientists, commercial and recreational fishermen, outreach specialists, and law enforcement personnel.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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.

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