

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

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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 of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC)

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Crab Committee will meet.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 28, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Leif Erikson Hall, 2247 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PNCIAC will review the Bering Sea Aleutian Island king and Tanner Crab fisheries proposals to be acted upon at the March 3–9, 2008, Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting in Anchorage, AK; informational update and discussion of the NPFMC motion on Economic Data Report.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 12, 2008.

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**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Limited Access Privilege (LAP) Program Workgroup and Committee, LAP Program Committee, a joint meeting of its Executive Committee and Finance Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee, Law Enforcement Advisory Panel, a joint meeting of its Habitat Committee and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee, Spiny Lobster Committee, Shrimp Committee, Allocation Committee, Standard Operations, Policy and Procedures (SOPPs) Committee, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection Committee, and a meeting of the full Council. In addition, the Council will also hold a public comment period on Amendment 15B to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Redstone Consulting Group will provide a presentation on Limited Access Privilege Programs.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held March 3–7, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, 371 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA, 31527; telephone: (1–800) 535–9547 or (912) 635–2600, fax: (912) 635–2818. Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Meeting Dates**

*1. Joint LAP Program Workgroup and Committee Meeting: March 3, 2008, 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.*

The LAP Program Workgroup will provide a presentation to the LAP

Program Committee on its final report and recommendations regarding a Limited Access Privilege Program for the commercial snapper grouper fishery in the Council's area of jurisdiction.

*2. Redstone Consulting Group Presentation on LAP Programs: March 3, 2008, 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.*

The Redstone Consulting Group will provide a presentation on Limited Access Privilege Programs.

*3. LAP Program Committee Meeting: March 4, 2008, 8 a.m. until 12 noon*

The LAP Program Committee will discuss LAP Programs, possible actions, timing issues, and provide directions to staff.

*4. Joint Executive and Finance Committees Meeting: March 4, 2008, 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.*

The Executive and Finance Committees will meet to review the final Calendar Year (CY) Council budget, the CY 2008–2010 FMP/Amendment/Framework timelines and modify as appropriate. The Committees will also receive a report on the President's Fiscal Year 2009 budget and review and develop comments on H.R. Bill 4087 introduced by Congressman Jones from North Carolina.

*5. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting: March 4, 2008, 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and March 5, 2008, 8 a.m. until 12 noon.*

The Snapper Grouper Committee will review public hearing comments on Amendment 15B to the Snapper Grouper FMP and modify the amendment as necessary. The Committee will then approve a recommendation that the Council submit Amendment 15B to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval. Amendment 15B includes actions to modify current recreational sale allowances, define allocations for snow grouper and red porgy, implement a plan to monitor and assess bycatch, implement measures to minimize the impacts of incidental take on sea turtles and small tooth sawfish, modify commercial permit renewal and transferability requirements, and update management reference points for golden tilefish.

The Snapper Grouper Committee will also review Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP, modify as appropriate, and approve the amendment for public hearings. Amendment 16 includes measures to end overfishing for gag grouper and vermilion snapper. The Committee will also review and discuss public scoping