

adequacy of the statement or merits of the alternatives discussed. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the NEPA document. Comments may also address the adequacy of the NEPA document or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the NEPA document. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.) Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 22, 2008.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XI18**

#### **Fisheries of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); SEDAR 16 King Mackerel Assessment Panel; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 16 South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel Post-Assessment Workshop Conference Call.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 16 Assessment Panel will meet via conference call to review assessment model results and discuss future documentation needs. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 16 Assessment Workshop Panel will meet on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call. Listening stations are available at the following locations: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive 1201, North Charleston, SC 29405; and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator, SAFMC,

4055 Faber Place, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils; in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks. SEDAR 16 is developing an assessment of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel stock.

During this conference call the SEDAR 16 King Mackerel Assessment Panel will follow-up on activities from its May 5-9, 2008 meeting by reviewing the assessment model results, and discussing future documentation needs.

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 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**

This meeting is 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 **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: May 27, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XI20**

#### **Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold public hearings to allow for input on Amendment 10 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery (FMP).

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until 23 June 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times and location of hearings.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Suite 2115 Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115 Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** There are four proposed management actions in this Amendment. To reduce general discards and to allow the butterfish stock to rebuild to BMSY and protect the long-term health and stability of the rebuilt butterfish stock, the proposed management actions could:

1. Develop a butterfish mortality cap program for the Loligo fishery;
2. Increase the Loligo minimum codend mesh size;
3. Eliminate exemptions for Illex vessels from Loligo minimum codend mesh requirements; and
4. Establish seasonal gear restricted areas (GRAs).

Public hearings: The scheduled public hearings are as follows:

June 9 - Sheraton Convention Center Hotel, Two Miss America Way, Atlantic City, NJ 08401; telephone: (609) 344-3535;

June 17 - Hilton Garden Inn, Providence Airport Warwick, 1 Thurber Street/Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 734-9600; and  
June 18 - Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites East End, 1707 Old Country Road, Route 58, Riverhead, NY 11901; telephone: (631) 548-1000.

All hearings begin at 7 p.m. and will be tape recorded with the tapes filed as the official transcript of the hearing.

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provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Bryan at the Council office, (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at least 5 days prior to the hearing date.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XI17**

#### 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 (Council) will hold its 142nd meeting to consider and take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The 142nd Council meeting and public hearings will be held on June 16-19, 2008 in Honolulu, HI. For specific times and the agenda, see

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

**ADDRESSES:** The 142nd Council meeting and public hearings will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96814-4722; telephone: (808) 955-4811.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Council will hear recommendations from other Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Council will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

### Schedule and Agenda for Council Standing Committee Meetings

**Monday, June 16, 2008**

#### Standing Committee Meetings

1. 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m., Executive and Budget Standing Committee
2. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., Enforcement/Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Standing Committee
3. 10 a.m. - 12 noon, Pelagics Ecosystem and International Fisheries Standing Committee
3. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Hawaii Archipelago/Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) Standing Committee
4. 3 p.m. - 4 p.m., Fishery Rights of Indigenous People Standing Committee
5. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Program Planning Standing Committee

The agenda during the full Council meeting will include the items listed here.

### Schedule and Agenda for Council Meeting

**9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday March 18, 2008**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of 140th and 141st Meeting Minutes
4. Agency Reports
  - A. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
    1. Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO)
    2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC)
    - B. NOAA General Counsel
    - C. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
    - D. Department of State
    - E. Enforcement
      1. U.S. Coast Guard
      2. NOAA Office for Law Enforcement
    3. Status of Violations
    4. Standing Committee Report
    5. Public Comment
    6. Council Discussion and Action
      5. Program Planning
        - A. Program Planning and Research Action Items
          1. Annual Catch Limits
            - a. National Guidelines and Proposed Rule
            - b. Management Options
          2. Barter, Trade and Subsistence Issue
            - a. Background Paper
            - b. Management Options
          3. Community Development Program Implementation Framework
            - B. Integrated Fishery Environmental Management Statement
            - C. Update on Legislation
            - D. Update on status of Fishery Management Plan (FMP) actions
            - E. Report of Small Vessel Tracking Project

F. Report on Marine Education and Training (MET) Workshop

G. Update on U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

H. Hawaii Advisory Panel

Recommendations

I. Hawaii Plan Team

Recommendations

J. Scientific and Statistical Committee

(SSC) Recommendations

K. Standing Committee

Recommendations

L. Public Hearing

M. Council Discussion and Action

**8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday March 18, 2008**

Guest Speaker: Ocean Acidification, Global Warming and Impacts on Coral Reef Ecosystems in Fisheries

6. Marianas Archipelago

A. Arongo flaeey and Isla Informe

1. Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI)

2. Guam

B. Enforcement Issues

1. CNMI

2. Guam

C. Marianas Community Issues

1. CNMI

2. Guam

D. Marianas Fishery Reports

E. PIRO Habitat Initiatives

F. Education and Outreach Initiatives

G. SSC Recommendations

H. Public Comment

I. Council Discussion and Action

7. American Samoa Archipelago

A. Motu Ripoti

B. Enforcement Issues

C. American Samoa Community

Issues

1. Update on Community-based Management Areas

2. Other issues

D. PIRO Habitat Initiatives

E. Education and Outreach Initiatives

F. SSC Recommendations

G. Public Comment

H. Council Discussion and Action

8. Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA

A. Moku Pepa

1. 2008 Sustainable Fisheries

Leadership Award

B. Enforcement Issues

C. Hawaii Community Issues

1. Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee

2. Hawaii Ocean Resources

Management Plan (ORMP) Update

3. Other issues

D. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI)

Bottomfish

1. MHI Bottomfish Update

2. Bottomfish Risk Analysis (Action

Item)

E. PIRO Habitat Initiatives

F. Education and Outreach Initiatives

G. Hawaii Advisory Panel Report

H. Hawaii Plan Team Report