
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT working meeting is to complete analyses for the 2009–10 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The main task will be completing any analysis of the Council’s preferred alternative for groundfish harvest specifications and management measures for the next biennium.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 GMT’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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 2, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: Nominations are being sought for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to serve on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC or Committee) beginning in October 2008. MAFAC is the only Federal advisory committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary to assist in the development and implementation of Departmental regulations, policies and programs critical to the mission and goals of the NMFS. Nominations are encouraged from all interested parties involved with or representing interests affected by NMFS actions in managing living marine resources. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitments required for two annual meetings. Individuals serve for a term of three years for no more than two consecutive terms if re-appointed. NMFS is seeking qualified nominees to fill upcoming vacancies being created by the expiration of existing appointments this October, thereby bringing the Committee to its full complement of 21 members.

DATES: Nominations must be received by July 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Nominations must be sent to Dr. Mark Holliday, Executive Director, MAFAC, Office of Policy, NMFS F–14451, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Holliday, MAFAC Executive Director; (301) 713–2239 x120; e-mail: Mark.Holliday@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The establishment of MAFAC was approved by the Secretary on December 28, 1970, and subsequently chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, on February 17, 1971. The Committee meets twice a year with supplementary subcommittee meetings as determined necessary by the Committee Chairperson. No less that 15 and no more than 21 individuals may serve on the Committee. Membership is comprised of highly qualified individuals representing commercial and recreational fisheries interests, environmental organizations, academic institutions, governmental, tribal and consumer groups from a balance of U.S. geographical regions, including Puerto Rico and the Western Pacific and the U.S. Virgin Islands. A MAFAC member cannot be a Federal employee or a member of a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Selected candidates must pass security checks and submit financial disclosure forms. Membership is voluntary, and except for reimbursable travel and related expenses, service is without pay.

Each submission should include the submitting person or organization’s name and affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee’s qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae and or resume of the nominee, and no more than three supporting letters describing the nominee’s qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are acceptable. The following contact information must accompany each nominee’s submission: name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available).

Nominations should be sent to (see ADDRESSES) and must be received by (see DATES). The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the NMFS’s web page at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mafac.htm.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System


SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce is announcing a thirty-day public comment period on the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revision.

The Sapelo Island Reserve (Georgia) was designated in 1976 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone