

deployed by this fishery were monitored by observers, and four green sea turtle interactions were reported by the observers. All four green turtles were dead when brought aboard, or died before being released. A fifth turtle was observed taken recently in 2008, and was also dead on retrieval. The NMFS Pacific Islands Region Office (PIRO) is preparing to draft a new BiOp for the American Samoa fishery, which consider measures to reduce the potential for further interactions between longlines and sea turtles. NMFS PIRO has suggested that the Council consider taking action to reduce turtle takes in the fishery, and which could be included in the BiOp analyses. Solutions that have been proposed by NMFS include requiring hooks to be set at least 100 meters deep, requiring the use of 45 gram or heavier weights on branch lines within 1 meter from each hook, requiring the use of longer float lines, restricting hook deployment to an appropriate distance away from either side of floats, requiring the use of the largest practical whole fish bait with the hook point covered, requiring the use of 16/0 or larger circle hooks with greater than 10 degree offset. Longline fishers in American Samoa may also have suggestions for measures that could reduce sea turtle interactions with longlines. The Council is convening the meeting in American Samoa to brief fishers on the forthcoming BiOp and to take comments on potential measures from longline fishers in addition to those listed above.

Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

American Samoa Archipelago Advisory Panel

1. Status Report on 2007 Advisory Panel Recommendations
2. Emerging Fishery Issues and Fisheries Development
3. Update on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Provisions
 - a. Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
 - b. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)
 - c. Cooperative Research
 4. Pelagic Fisheries Management
 - a. Update on Longline Permit Application Process
 - b. Bycatch Reduction of Sea Turtles
 5. Other Fishery/Management Related Issues
 - a. Barter, Trade and Subsistence Issues
 - b. Council Five Year Research Priorities
 - c. Community Development Program (CDP) Options
 6. Public Comments
 7. Discussion and Recommendation

Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

American Samoa Archipelago Plan Team

1. Update on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Provisions
 - a. Annual Catch Limits
 - b. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)
 - c. Cooperative Research
 2. Pelagic Fisheries Management
 - a. Update on Pelagic Longline Permit Application Process
 - b. Bycatch Reduction of Sea Turtles
 3. Other Fishery/Management Related Issues
 - a. Barter, Trade and Subsistence Issues
 - b. Council Five Year Research Priorities
 - c. Community Development Program (CDP) Options
 4. Public Comments
 5. Discussion and Recommendation
 6. Review of Annual Report Module for American Samoa
 - a. Bottomfish
 - b. Coral Reef
 - c. Precious Corals
 - d. Crustaceans

Thursday, July 24, 2008, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

American Samoa Archipelago Plan Team

1. Review of Annual Report Module for American Samoa
 - a. Bottomfish
 - b. Coral Reef
 - c. Precious Corals
 - d. Crustaceans
 2. Update on Coral Reef Fishing Local Action Strategy
 3. Public Comments
 4. Discussion and Recommendations

The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. Public comment periods will be provided throughout each agenda. The Advisory Panel and Plan Team will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, 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 these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice 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 final 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 Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period for the Revised Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida.

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 revised Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida.

The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve is located in St. Johns and Flagler counties and is geographically separated into a northern and southern component separated by the City of St. Augustine. The reserve was designated in 1999. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan brings the Reserve into compliance and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the Reserve. Updated programmatic objectives, new facilities, and a boundary expansion are notable revisions from the previous management plan.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure;

the education, stewardship, and research goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations. The reserve management goals and objectives can be categorized within the following five management challenges: Public use, habitat and species management, watershed land use, cultural preservation and interpretation, and global processes. These issues can be directly or indirectly linked to anthropogenic land use of increasing population densities accompanied by increasing development, recreation and economic pressures.

The Guana Tolomato Matanzas Environmental Education Center is a notable addition since the last management plan and serves as the administrative, education, research, and stewardship facility for the northern component of the Reserve. The facility will provide an opportunity for further outreach to the community and serve as a center of excellence for regional science, education and stewardship forums.

This management plan calls for a boundary expansion incorporating 8,865 acres of publicly owned land in the southern component of the reserve. Approximately 4,166 acres of the Faver-Dykes State Park adding to the 1,333 acres of Faver-Dykes State Park incorporated at designation. The additional park lands will provide new resources and allow for an extension of the existing partnership. Additionally, 4,699 acres of the Matanzas State Forest will be added to the Reserve boundary. This property will be incorporated to further protect the last remaining undisturbed salt marsh within the Reserve and is part of a 16,000 acre continuous conservation corridor. This land is comprised 75% by upland pine and 25% by wetlands. The area serves as an important bird habitat and contains significant natural and cultural resources. These additions will bring the total Reserve acreage to 73,352 acres protected for long-term research, education and stewardship.

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David M. Kennedy,
Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period for the Revised Management Plan for the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

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 revised management plan for the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is located in Skagit County, Washington. The Reserve was designated in 1980 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve is revising their plan pursuant to 15 CFR. The submission of this revised plan sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve. New facilities, a focus on broad Puget Sound issues and climate change, and updated programmatic objectives are notable revisions to the previous approved management plan.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the education, stewardship, and research goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations. Since 2002, the reserve has added a coastal training program that delivers science-based information to key decision makers in Washington State. The reserve has realized nearly all aspects of the original plan and expanded its programs dramatically since the original plan. The reserve has completed major facility expansion and

renovation projects that provide classrooms, lab space, exhibit space, dormitory, and office space. The reserve has expanded, but not yet completed, its ownership of in-holdings within its boundary and increased staff which have resulted in the implementation of research, education, stewardship, GIS, and volunteer activities at the reserve.

This management plan calls for continued land acquisition within its boundaries from willing sellers, implementation of a habitat mapping and change plan, responsiveness to existing and emerging regional partnerships focusing on the management of Puget Sound, a focus on climate change within all reserve programs, implementation of the National Estuarine Research Reserve's K-12 Estuarine Education Program and continued implementation of the graduate research fellowship, coastal training, and system-wide monitoring programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nina Garfield at (301) 563-1171 or Laurie McGilvray at (301) 563-1158 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For copies of the Padilla Bay Management Plan revision, visit <http://www.padillabay.gov/>.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Request To Exempt Certain Over-the-Counter Swaps From Certain of the Requirements Imposed by Commission Regulation 35.2, Pursuant to the Authority in Section 4(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of request for comment on exemption request.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") is requesting comment on whether to exempt certain over-the-counter ("OTC") swaps from certain of the requirements otherwise imposed by Commission Regulation 35.2. Specifically, the petitioners request authority to clear certain agricultural