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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

ACTION: Notice of stay—closure of administrative appeals decision record.

SUMMARY: This announcement provides notice that the Secretary of Commerce has stayed, for a period of 60 days, closure of the decision record in an administrative appeal filed by Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency and its Board of Directors (TCA).

DATES: The decision record for the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency Consistency Appeal will now close on October 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Street or Gladys Miles, Attorney-Advisors, Office of the General Counsel, via e-mail at gc.os.inquiries@noaa.gov, or at (301) 713-2967.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 15, 2008, TCA filed notice of an appeal with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations found at 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart H. TCA appealed an objection to its construction of an extension to California State Route 241 in northern San Diego and southern Orange Counties, California.

Under the CZMA, the Secretary must close the decision record in an appeal 160 days after the notice of appeal is published in the **Federal Register**. 16 U.S.C. 1465. However, the CZMA authorizes the Secretary to stay closing the decision record for up to 60 days when the Secretary determines it necessary to receive, on an expedited basis, any supplemental information specifically requested by the Secretary

to complete a consistency review or any clarifying information submitted by a party to the proceeding related to information in the consolidated record compiled by the lead Federal permitting agency. 16 U.S.C. 1465(b)(3).

The decision record is currently scheduled to close on August 25, 2008. After reviewing the decision record developed to date, the Secretary has decided to solicit supplemental and clarifying information. In order to allow receipt of this information, the Secretary hereby stays closure of the decision record until October 24, 2008.

Additional information about the TCA Consistency Appeal and the CZMA appeals process is available from the Department of Commerce CZMA appeals Web site <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeast Region; Fisheries of the Southeast Region; Highly Migratory Species

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

ACTION: Notification of determination of overfished and overfishing conditions.

SUMMARY: This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has determined that northeast smooth skate, South Atlantic red snapper, and Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish are overfished and that northeast thorny skate is subject to overfishing. NMFS notified the respective regional fishery management councils (Councils) responsible for these fisheries of its determination. The Councils are required to take action within 1 year following notification by NMFS that overfishing is occurring, a stock is approaching overfishing, a stock is overfished, a stock is approaching an overfished condition, or existing remedial action taken to end overfishing or rebuild an overfished stock has not resulted in adequate progress. In

addition, the Secretary has determined that the highly migratory species blacknose shark is overfished and overfishing is occurring.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seanbob Kelly, telephone: (301) 713-2341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to sections 304(e)(2) and (e)(7) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2) and (e)(7), and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.310(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, notifies fishery management councils when overfishing is occurring, a stock is approaching overfishing, a stock is overfished, a stock is approaching an overfished condition, or existing action taken to end previously identified overfishing or rebuilding a previously identified overfished stock or stock complex has not resulted in adequate progress.

On June 20, 2008, the NMFS approved Amendment 30A to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and implemented it with a final rule published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 38139; July 3, 2008). Amendment 30A established management targets and thresholds for Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish that were previously undefined. Based on these new status determination criteria the NMFS found that the Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish is overfished using an earlier stock assessment (SEDAR 9, 2006).

Amendment 30A includes a rebuilding plan for Gulf of Mexico gray triggerfish.

On July 8, 2008, the NMFS Southeast Regional Administrator sent a letter notifying the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (South Atlantic Council) that South Atlantic red snapper is overfished. The South Atlantic Council must submit a rebuilding plan for red snapper within one year of that notification.

On July 21, 2008, the NMFS Northeast Regional Administrator sent a letter notifying the New England Fishery Management Council (New England Council) that smooth skate is overfished and that thorny skate is undergoing overfishing. Thorny skate is currently under a rebuilding plan. The New England Council must therefore ensure that overfishing is ended and that the stock rebuilds on schedule. Copies of the notification letters sent to the fishery management councils for the aforementioned determinations are available at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/statusoffisheries/SOSmain.htm>.