DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648–XK88

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Standing SSC via conference call.

DATES: The conference call will be held October 21, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call and listening stations will be available. For specific locations, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Interim Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standing SSC will discuss and develop recommendations for the Council on a 5-year research plan for fisheries managed by the Council. Once approved by the Council at its October 2008 meeting, the 5-year research plan will be submitted to the NMFS for implementation and funding.

Although other non-emergency issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting, Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348–1630.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O’Hern at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: October 1, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. E8–23546 Filed 10–3–08; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510–22–S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648–XK89

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public hearings on draft Amendment 20 (Trawl Rationalization) to its groundfish fishery management plan (FMP). These hearings are preparatory to the final Council decision on Amendment 20, scheduled for the November 2–7, 2008 Council meeting, in San Diego, CA.

DATES: The hearings will be held on October 27–29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Hearing locations will be held in Newport, OR, Olympia, WA, Eureka, CA, Astoria, OR, and Santa Cruz, CA. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific addresses.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.