

and threatened southern DPS of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

#### Applications Received

USFWS-Stockton requests a 3-year permit (13791) for take of juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and Central Valley steelhead associated with research on salmonid migratory behavior at monitoring locations in the Sacramento River basin and in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, in California. USFWS-Stockton requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 3,000 juvenile Central Valley salmonids for three consecutive years resulting from capture (by seine, trawl, gill and fyke net), handling, anesthetizing, measuring, tissue sampling, scale sampling, tag scanning, and release of fish. A subsample of incidental mortalities may be retained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office in Red Bluff, CA as a teaching collection and as a source of tissues for genetic and life history analysis. USFWS-Stockton requests authorization for an estimated total take of 39 adult and 2591 juvenile winter-run Chinook salmon (that includes 12.8 percent and 2.0 percent incidental mortality, respectively), 29 adult and 12317 juvenile spring-run Chinook salmon (that includes 17.2 percent and 1.2 percent incidental mortality), 49 adult and 632 juvenile steelhead (12.2 percent and 3.5 percent incidental mortality), and 14 adult and 15 juvenile green sturgeon (no associated mortality), resulting from capture, handling, measuring, and releasing of fish.

FISHBIO requests a 5-year permit (14092) for incidental take of threatened Central Valley steelhead in the lower Stanislaus River associated with a study that aims to characterize fish species composition, abundance, and seasonal distribution; evaluate juvenile Chinook salmon rearing extent, timing, and locations; and determine potential limiting factors for juvenile rearing and mitigation. FISHBIO requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 34 adult and 249 juvenile steelhead (that includes 5.9 percent and 5.6 percent incidental mortality, respectively) resulting from capture by seine, pack or boat electrofishing; handling, measuring, and releasing of fish.

IEP requests modification of a 10-year permit (1440) for incidental take of adult and juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley steelhead, Central California Coast steelhead, and southern

DPS of green sturgeon associated with research studies located throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta that aim to evaluate the effects of water export facilities (State Water Project and Central Valley Water Project) on aquatic organisms. IEP requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 38 adult and 289 juvenile winter-run Chinook salmon (that includes 10.5 percent and 7.3 percent incidental mortality, respectively), 105 adult and 1894 juvenile spring-run Chinook salmon (that includes 9.5 percent and 6.3 percent incidental mortality), 37 adult and 240 juvenile steelhead (that includes 8.1 percent and 5.4 percent incidental mortality), 2 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead (no mortality), and 272 adult and sub-adult green sturgeon (that includes 4.0 percent of incidental mortality), resulting from capture (by various methodologies, including net, seine, hook-and-line, and boat electrofishing) handling, biological sampling, and releasing of fish.

Dated: November 17, 2008.

**Angela Somma,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XL87**

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**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 a meeting of the Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The Mackerel AP meeting will begin at 1:30 pm on Thursday, December 11, 2008 and conclude by 1 pm on Friday, December 12, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70062.

*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 Mackerel AP will meet to receive a presentation of a recent stock assessment for king mackerel and to potentially make recommendations to the Council of an annual catch limit (ACL) for Gulf group king mackerel and perhaps other management considerations.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AP 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 this meeting. Actions of the AP 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, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take 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 Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: November 18, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**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 a joint meeting of the Standing and Special Mackerel Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).