

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its King and Spanish Mackerel (Mackerel) Advisory Panel in North Charleston, SC. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The meeting will take place August 18–19, 2009. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC; telephone: (843) 308-9330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the Mackerel Advisory Panel will meet from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on August 18, 2009, and from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on August 19, 2009.

The Advisory Panel will review actions and management alternatives in draft Amendment 18 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources (Mackerels) in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Region. The joint amendment is being prepared in order to meet the mandates of the Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act, including the establishment of Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY), Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) and Overfishing Levels (OFLs) as recommended by both the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the South Atlantic Council's SSC, Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), Annual Catch Targets (ACTs) and Accountability Measures (AMs) for Gulf Migratory Group king mackerel, Gulf Migratory Group Spanish mackerel, South Atlantic Migratory Group king mackerel, South Atlantic Migratory

Group Spanish Mackerel, and cobia in both the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. The amendment also includes alternatives for establishing a Gulf Migratory Group and South Atlantic Migratory Group for cobia, additions to Framework procedures that would include stock assessments through the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment program, OFLs, ABCs, ACLs and possibly Annual Catch Targets (ACTs) to the list of items that can be modified through Framework actions, and an alternative to prohibit the sale of recreational bag limit Atlantic Migratory Group king mackerel.

The AP will provide recommendations to the Council regarding the alternatives in the draft amendment. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is taking the lead in development of joint Amendment 18.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: July 29, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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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 ABC Control Rule Workgroup.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2009 and conclude by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quorum, 700 N. Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609, telephone: (813) 289-8200.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ABC Control Rule Workgroup will meet to begin the process of developing a structured decision making framework to assist in assessing scientific uncertainty, the probability of overfishing, and acceptable levels of risk when setting acceptable biological catch (ABC). The working group includes Council members, Council staff, NOAA staff, and members of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006, the SSC is charged with setting ABC levels for managed stocks that account for scientific uncertainty in the estimate of the overfishing limit (OFL) and any other scientific uncertainty. Determining an acceptable level of risk of overfishing when setting ABC is a policy issue that requires input from both scientists and managers. The meeting will include discussions on the Magnuson-Stevens Act National Standard 1 guidelines, sources of scientific uncertainty, approaches to developing control rules for setting ABC including decision trees and analytical methods, and scheduling of future actions by the working group.

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 ABC Control Rule Workgroup 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 ABC Control Rule Workgroup will be