

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov no later than April 6, 2010.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via email.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 11, 2010, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 §§ 10(a)1 and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482-2813.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XV47

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 public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held April 12 - 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Galveston Island Convention Center, 5400 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77551.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Stephen Bortone, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – The Council meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with a review of the agenda and approval of the minutes. From 10:15 am – 12 noon and again at 1:30 pm 2:30 pm they will receive public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any final; Framework Action for Greater Amberjack and the Council will hold an open public comment period regarding any fishery issue of concern. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period. From 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. the Council will discuss Fisheries 101. From 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm the Council will review and discuss reports from the committee meetings as follows: Budget; Administrative Policy; Joint Budget/ Administrative Policy; Data Collection; and Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) Management; Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem.

Thursday, April 15, 2010 - From 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. the Council will continue to review and discuss reports from the committee meetings as follows: Reef Fish Management; Shrimp Management; Red Drum; SEDAR; and AP Selection Committee. Other Business items will follow from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. The Council will conclude its meeting at approximately 12 noon.

Committees

Monday, April 12, 2010

8:30 am – 9 a.m. – CLOSED SESSION - Full Council - The AP Selection Committee will review fishery violations.

9 a.m. – 9:30 am - The Budget Committee will review the 2010 budget.

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will discuss modifications to Statement of Organization Practice and Procedures and Handbook Development and review the Travel Handbook.

11:30 a.m. – 12 noon - The Joint Administrative Policy/Budget

Committee will meet to discuss administrative and budgetary issues.

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will discuss SEDAR 19 Black Grouper Stock Assessment; receive a report from the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee; discuss Options Paper for Amendment 32 Gag/Red Grouper; Framework Action for Greater Amberjack; and receive a report from the Reef Fish Limited Access Privilege Program Advisory Panel Report

Recess

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will continue to meet.

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. - The Data Collection Committee will receive a report from the Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel Meeting.

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. - The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will receive a report from the Uncertainty workshop; the Scientific and Statistical Committee Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Report; discuss the Options Paper for the Generic Annual Catch Limit/Accountability Measures Amendment; and Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee Progress Report.

4 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - The Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) Management Committee will discuss the revised Options Paper Amendment 18 for Coastal Migratory Pelagics; South Atlantic Council Action s on Options Paper for Amendment 18 for Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel).

4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. - The SEDAR Selection Committee will discuss changes to the SEDAR Procedure.

Recess

Immediately Following Committee Recess - There will be an informal open public question and answer session on Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Issues.

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. - The Shrimp Management Committee will discuss the report on 2009 Shrimp Fishing Effort.

9 a.m. – 10 a.m. The Red Drum Committee will receive a status report on State Escapement Data; and an update on the SEFSC Methodology for Age Composition for Red Drum.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the M-SFCMA, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of

the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date/time established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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: March 22, 2010.

William D. Chappell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish (SMB), Joint Dogfish, Research Set-Aside (RSA), and Executive Committees will hold public meetings.

DATES: Tuesday, April 13, 2010, through Thursday, April 15, 2010. On Tuesday, April 13, The Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish (SMB) Committee will meet from 8 a.m. until Noon. The Joint Dogfish Committee will meet from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.. From 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., the Research Set-Aside (RSA) will meet. On Wednesday, April 14, 2010, The Executive Committee will meet from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. The Council will convene at 9 a.m. The Council will

hold its regular Business Session from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to approve the December 2009 and February 2010 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, Liaison Reports, Executive Director's Report, and the status of the Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). From 11 a.m. until Noon, the Council will consider, discuss and possibly approve Monkfish Amendment 5. From 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., the Council will consider, discuss and possibly approve the Public Hearing Document for the Annual Catch Limits / Accountability Measures (ACL/AM) Omnibus Amendment. On Thursday April 15, the Council will convene at 8:30 a.m. From 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., the Council will receive an update on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) regarding loggerhead turtles. The Council will receive Committee reports from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. From 10:30 a.m. until Noon, the Council will discuss continuing and new business.

ADDRESSES: The Sanderling Hotel, 1461 Duck Road, Duck, NC 27949; telephone: 252-261-4111

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901-3910; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are: On Tuesday, April 13, The SMB Committee will review Amendment 11 public comments; select preferred alternatives for proposed management measures included in Amendment 11, i.e., cap capacity via limited access, update the SMB species' essential fish habitat (EFH) descriptions, evaluate fishing-related gear impacts on Loligo egg EFH, establish recreational mackerel allocation, and avoid at-sea processing problems. The SMB Committee will also review the Scoping Document developed for Amendment 14. The Joint Dogfish Committee will review and respond to the updated Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC) assessment for dogfish; review stock status relative to biological reference point (BRP) update; address and develop a specific quota recommendation as necessary; and, review and discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for smooth dogfish (HMS Amendment 3). The RSA Committee will discuss possible ways to improve the RSA

program and consider developing research priorities for 2012.

On Wednesday, April 14, the Executive Committee will review an update from the Ad Hoc Search Committee regarding the search process for the Council's next Executive Director; review and consider the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) recommended changes to the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPPs); and discuss the Catch Shares Workshop results and potential next steps. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the December 2009 and February 2010 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, and an update on the status of the Council's FMPs. The Council will review the Monkfish Advisory Panel and the Oversight Committee's recommendations; select and possibly approve final measures for: implementation of annual catch limits (ACL) and accountability measures (AMs) to prevent overfishing, establishment of management reference points in accordance with the revised guidelines, and specification of quota for FY 2011-2013 and beyond using trip limits and days-at-sea (DAS) for the directed fishery. The Council will likely approve the Public Hearing Document for the ACL / AM Omnibus Amendment.

On Thursday, April 15, the Council will convene for an update regarding the change in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) listing status of loggerhead sea turtle from threatened to endangered. The Council will receive Committee reports, discuss the status of 2010 Black Sea Bass recreational measures, i.e., review and compare the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's current position and Council's February recommendation; receive a presentation regarding Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC) 49; and discuss National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) General Counsel's (GC) opinion on SMB Amendment 10 rulemaking and consider possible options to address effects of Amendment 10.

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This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders (302-526-5251) at least five days prior to the meeting date.