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Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Sloan or Laura Morse, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to obtain samples from up to 50 animals annually of each of the following species: Harp seal, *Pagophilus groenlandica*; hooded seal, *Cystophora cristata*; gray seal, *Halichoerus grypus*; bearded seal, *Erignathus barbatus*; ringed seal, *Phoca hispida*; harbor seal, *Phoca vitulina*; spotted seal, *Phoca largha*; and ribbon seal, *Phoca fasciata*. The applicant also proposes to import samples annually from up to 6 captive Northern fur seals, *Callorhinus ursinus*; and 6 captive Steller Sea lions, *Eumetopias jubatus*. Samples will be from animals taken for subsistence harvest in Alaska, and taken during scientific and/or subsistence collections including but not limited to the national waters of Canada, Norway, and the United Kingdom, and in international waters. Samples may be received, imported and exported from any country worldwide over a five-year period. The purpose of the proposed research is to study the physiological development of pinnipeds including the development of thermoregulation, muscle performance characteristics, tissue oxygen stores, and hormonal and other regulatory factors in tissues.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the

application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 19, 2011.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XA170**

**Fisheries of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico; 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 (SAFMC) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Social and Economic Subpanel to review the Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper Evaluation, review draft Regulatory Amendment 9 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic addressing commercial trip limits, discuss snapper grouper and golden crab draft catch share amendments, discuss the development of annual advisory panel reports, and discuss methodologies for predicting future catch levels for use in amendment analyses. The meeting will be held in North Charleston, SC. *See*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 15-16, 2011. *See*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (1-877) 747-7301 or (843) 744-4422; fax: (843) 740-7029.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366; e-mail: [Kim.Iverson@safmc.net](mailto:Kim.Iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorized Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the Council's scientific materials. The SSC Social and Economic Subpanel will review and discuss social

and economic analyses and provide recommendations to the Council regarding those analyses.

SAFMC SSC Social and Economic Subpanel Meeting Schedule:

February 15, 2011: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and February 16, 2011: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The SSC's Social and Economics Panel members will provide the SSC with a report regarding their guidance on the agenda items discussed.

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**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (*see ADDRESSES*) at least 3 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: January 19, 2011.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XA131**

**National Saltwater Angler Registry Program**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has designated the States of Maine, Florida and Louisiana as exempted States for anglers, spear fishers and for-hire fishing vessels. NMFS has designated the States of Massachusetts, Maryland and Virginia as exempted States for anglers and spear fishers.

**DATES:** The designation of the States as exempted States is effective on January 24, 2011.