

captured. Permit 16115 does not authorize any lethal take of adult CCC steelhead.

Permit 16115 is for research to be conducted in the Guadalupe River watershed in Santa Clara County, California. The main purpose of the project is to assess mercury levels within individuals of two non ESA-listed target species. In addition to this work, the project will also collect CCC steelhead to determine CCC steelhead presence/absence, distribution, and to determine habitat use and preference within the Guadalupe River watershed. Permit 16115 expires on December 31, 2016.

Dated: June 30, 2011.

**Angela Somma,**

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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:** Council to convene a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of the Standing, Special Reef Fish and Special Mackerel Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 and conclude by 3 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; *telephone:* (813) 348-1630.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Standing, Special Mackerel and Special Reef SSC will meet jointly on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 to receive a presentation on the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process. The Standing and Special Mackerel SSC will review,

revise if necessary, and approve the terms of reference for a SEDAR 28 benchmark assessment on Spanish mackerel and cobia to be conducted in 2012. The Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will discuss the rationale for their previous recommendation that the 2012 SEDAR 31 red snapper assessment be changed from a standard assessment to a benchmark assessment, plus the potential benefits and drawbacks to requesting yield streams and managing the red snapper fishery in terms of numbers of fish rather than biomass. The Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will then review, revise if necessary, and approve the terms of reference for the SEDAR 31 red snapper assessment. This assessment is currently scheduled to be conducted in 2012 as a standard assessment, but the Council, based on the recommendation of the SSC, has requested that it be a benchmark assessment.

The remainder of the meeting, July 27-28, will be a joint meeting of the Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC. The SSC will first receive a presentation from NOAA General Counsel on what constitutes best available scientific information. The SSC will then review and suggest modifications to the process for deciding levels of acceptable biological catch (ABC). This will include a review of the ABC control rule developed for the Generic Annual Catch Limits/Accountability Measures Amendment, a discussion of risk vs. uncertainty, and a review of the P\* methodology for determining the buffer between the overfishing limit and ABC. Finally, the SSC will receive a report on an Ecosystem SSC meeting that was held June 28-30, 2011, and will discuss the role of the Ecosystem SSC with respect to the Standing SSC.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630 or can be downloaded from the Council's ftp site, [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](http://ftp.gulfcouncil.org).

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committees 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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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 Kathy Pereira at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 1, 2011.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration

#### Alaska Coastal Management Program Withdrawal From the National Coastal Management Program Under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA)

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** By operation of Alaska State law, the federally approved Alaska Coastal Management Program expired on July 1, 2011, resulting in a withdrawal from participation in the CZMA's National Coastal Management Program. The CZMA Federal consistency provision, section 307, no longer applies in Alaska. In addition, Alaska is no longer eligible for CZMA grants under sections 306, 306A, 308, 309 or 310. (CZMA section 315 grants are not affected.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Joelle Gore, Chief, Coastal Programs Divisions, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at 301-563-1177.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) was approved by NOAA in 1979 as a voluntary state partner in the National Coastal Management Program. The ACMP expired by operation of Alaska Statutes 44.66.020 and 44.66.030 on June 30, 2011. As a result of its expiration, the ACMP was withdrawn from this program on July 1, 2011. As of July 1, 2011, there is no longer a CZMA program in Alaska. Because a federally approved coastal management program must be administered by a state