

modifications to regulations addressing recreational fishing for gag and shallow-water grouper. Alternatives being considered to modify the recreational gag fishing season would change the starting date for the recreational gag season from July 1 to an earlier time when there is greater demand to fish for gag, or would split the season into two or three sub-seasons. Changing the season to times when there is greater demand may reduce the number of fishing days relative to the status quo, so suboptions within the alternatives consider either retaining the current gag bag limit of 2 fish per person within the 4-fish aggregate shallow-water grouper bag limit, or reducing the bag limit for gag to 1 fish in order to extend the season. The Framework Action will also consider revising the current closed season on recreational harvest of shallow-water grouper by either shortening or eliminating the closed season, moving it to a different date, or having the closed season apply only seaward of the 20 fathom depth contour while eliminating it shoreward of 20 fathoms.

*Monday, October 15, 2012*, Country Inn & Suites, 4415 Commons Drive East, Destin, FL 32541, telephone: (850) 650-9191; Courtyard Marriott, 3250 Tamiami Trail N (US 41 N.), Naples, FL 34103, telephone: (239) 434-8700.

*Tuesday, October 16, 2012*, Sirata Hotel, 5300 Gulf Boulevard, St. Petersburg, FL 33706, telephone: (727) 363-5100; Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 160 W. Commerce Boulevard, Gulf Shores, AL 36542, telephone: (251) 948-6191.

*Wednesday, October 17, 2012*, Courtyard Marriott, 11471 Cinema Drive, D'Iberville, MS 39540, telephone: (228) 392-1200; Hilton Galveston, 5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston Island, TX 77551, telephone: (409) 744-5000.

*Thursday, October 18, 2012*, Harte Institute, 6300 Ocean Drive, Room 127, Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5869, telephone: (361) 825-2000; Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport, 2829 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062, telephone: (504) 467-5611.

Copies of the public hearing documents can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630 or by visiting the Council's Web site at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

#### Special Accommodations

These hearings are 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 hearing.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a conference call of its Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT). A listening station will be available at the Pacific Council offices for interested members of the public, and there may be opportunities to attend the meeting remotely.

**DATES:** The conference call will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call, with a public listening station available at the Pacific Council offices, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the conference call is to discuss a proposed harvest parameters workshop. Other items that may be discussed include the 2012 Pacific sardine stock assessment update, and items related to the November 2012 Council 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 CPSMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This listening station is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris

Kleinschmidt, at (503) 820-2280, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 18, 2012.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of the Standing, Special Shrimp and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC), including a joint session of the Standing SSC and Socioeconomic SSC, and a joint session of the Gulf Council's Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's SSC; and a separate meeting of the Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee.

**DATES:** The Standing, Special Shrimp and Special Reef Fish SSC meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, and conclude by noon, Thursday, October 11, 2012. The Socioeconomic SSC meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10th and conclude by 5 p.m. Thursday, October 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, 2900 Bayport Drive, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 874-1234.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For the Standing, Special Shrimp and Special Reef Fish SSC: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician. For the Socioeconomic SSC: Dr. Assane Diagne, Economist; both located at Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Standing and Special Shrimp SSC will meet jointly on Tuesday, October 9, 2012, to review stock assessments on brown shrimp, white shrimp and pink