

of public testimony or no later than 9 p.m. at the following locations:

Monday, January 14, 2013; Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 2440 Gulf Freeway, Texas City, TX 77591, telephone: (409) 986-6700; DoubleTree by Hilton Baton Rouge, 4964 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, telephone: (225) 925-1005.

Tuesday, January 15, 2013; Hilton Garden Inn Corpus Christi, 6717 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412, telephone: (361) 991-8200; Four Points by Sheraton, 940 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530, telephone: (228) 546-3100.

Wednesday, January 16, 2013; Hilton Garden Inn Orange Beach Beachfront, 23092 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach, AL 36561, telephone: (251) 974-1600.

Thursday, January 17, 2013; Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, FL 32541, telephone: (850) 654-5184.

Tuesday, January 22, 2013; Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, telephone: (727) 540-0050.

Copies of the scoping document will be available two weeks prior to the first scoping meeting and can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630, or from the Council Web site at http://www.gulfcouncil.org/fishery_management_plans/scoping-thru-implementation.php.

Special Accommodations

These meetings 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 meeting.

Dated: December 21, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC418

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 Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 and conclude at 5 p.m.

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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Assane Diagne, Economist; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene the Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to discuss issues related to the review of individual fishing quota (IFQ) programs, including the 5-year review of the red snapper IFQ program. The Committee will also discuss issues related to the role of the Socioeconomic 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>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee 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 Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public hearings on January 15, 16, and 17, 2013 to allow for public input on the potential designation of the State of Delaware's five artificial reef sites located in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) as Special Management Zones (SMZs) under provisions of Amendment 9 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

DATES: For specific dates and times for the public hearings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held (chronologically) in Ocean City, MD; Lewes, DE; and Toms River, NJ. Written comments should be mailed to the Council office at the address below by January 29, 2013 and marked "SMZ Comments." The public hearing document can be obtained by contacting the Council at the address below or at <http://www.mafmc.org/sMZ.htm>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All hearings (dates and locations listed below) will be digitally recorded and saved as transcripts of the hearing.

January 15, 2013: 7-9 p.m.; Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842; telephone: (410) 524-3535.

January 16, 2013: 7-9 p.m.; DNREC—Division of Watershed Stewardship