

*Proposed Timetable*

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| Saturday ..... | 13 April ..... | Arrival in Cairo.   |
| Sunday .....   | 14 April ..... | Orientation and market briefings, business luncheon with American Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Ambassador's networking reception.   |
| Monday .....   | 15 April ..... | One-on-one business appointments; business lunch—General Authority For Investment and Free Zones presentation on major public-private partnership projects; group dinner. |
| Tuesday .....  | 16 April ..... | One-on-one business appointments.   |

*Participation Requirements*

All parties interested in participating in the Trade Mission to Egypt must complete and submit an application package for consideration by the U.S. Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. A minimum of 15 U.S. companies and/or trade associations and maximum of 20 companies and/or trade associations will be selected to participate in the mission from the applicant pool. U.S. companies or trade associations already doing business with Egypt, as well as U.S. companies or trade associations seeking to enter these countries for the first time may apply.

*Fees and Expenses*

After a company has been selected to participate on the mission, a payment to the U.S. Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The fee for one representative to participate in the mission is \$1400 for an SME and \$2100 for large firms or trade associations. The fee for each additional company or association representative (SME or large firm) is \$400. Expenses for travel, lodging, most meals, interpreters, and incidentals are the responsibility of each mission participant. Participants may be able to take advantage of Embassy rates for hotel rooms.

*Conditions for Participation*

- An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the U.S. Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.
- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either

produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content. In the case of a trade association or trade organization, the applicant must certify that, for each company to be represented by the trade association or trade organization, the products and services the represented company seeks to export are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least fifty-one percent U.S. content.

*Selection Criteria for Participation*

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the company's (or, in the case of a trade association or trade organization, represented companies') products or services to the targeted markets
- Applicant's (or, in the case of a trade association or trade organization, represented companies') potential for business in the target markets, including likelihood of exports resulting from the mission
  - Consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

*Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications*

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including posting Export.gov—and other Internet Web sites; publication in trade publications and association newsletters; direct outreach to the Department's clients; posting in the **Federal Register**; and announcements at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

Recruitment for the mission will begin January 28, 2013 and conclude no later than March 14, 2013. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications and make selection decisions on a rolling basis until the

maximum of twenty participants is reached. We will inform all applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after the applications are reviewed. Applications received after the March 14 deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

U.S. Commercial Service, Cairo, Egypt, Dennis Simmons, Deputy Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Commercial Service, Embassy of the United States of America, Email: [Dennis.Simmons@trade.gov](mailto:Dennis.Simmons@trade.gov), Tel: 2 (02) 2797-2610.  
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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 public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene scoping meetings to discuss a For-Hire Red Snapper Days-at-Sea Pilot Program. **DATES:** The scoping meetings will be held on March 25, 2013 through April 3, 2013 at eight locations throughout the Gulf of Mexico. The scoping meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and will conclude no later than 9 p.m. For specific dates, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The scoping meetings will be held in the following locations: St. Petersburg, Naples and Destin, FL; Kenner, LA; Biloxi/Gulfport, MS;

Orange Beach, AL; Corpus Christi and Galveston, TX.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Drs. Assane Diagne, Economist and Ava Lasseter, Anthropologist; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled scoping meetings on a proposed amendment addressing the For-Hire Red Snapper Days-at-Sea Pilot Program. The days-at-sea program would apply to the charter industry. Issues to be discussed include, but are not limited to, the purpose and need for this amendment and the potential management actions that may be considered. Management actions under consideration range from the selection of program participants to the establishment of effort and catch validation methods and criteria for program evaluation.

The eight scoping meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at the end of public testimony or no later than 9 p.m. at the following locations:

*Monday, March 25, 2013,* Courtyard Marriott, 1600 E. Beach Boulevard, Gulfport, MS 39501, telephone: (228) 864-4310.

*Tuesday, March 26, 2013;* Fairfield Inn & Suites, 3111 Loop Road, Orange Beach, AL 36561, telephone: (251) 543-4444.

*Wednesday, March 27, 2013;* Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, FL 32541, telephone: (850) 654-5184; Courtyard Marriott, 3250 US 41 North, Naples, FL 34103, telephone: (239) 434-8700.

*Monday, April 1, 2013;* Hilton Galveston Island, 5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston Island, TX 77551, telephone: (409) 744-5000.

*Tuesday, April 2, 2013;* Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, telephone: (727) 540-0050; Hilton Garden Inn, 6717 S. Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412, telephone: (361) 991-8200.

*Wednesday, April 3, 2013;* Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport, 2829 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062, telephone: (504) 467-5611.

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](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: March 5, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. **DATES:** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Westin Waterfront Hotel, 425 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02110; telephone: (617) 532-4600; fax: (617) 532-4650.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will recommend measures for Framework 25 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Program (FMP). Framework 25 will include fishery specifications for fishing year 2014 and default measures for 2015 as well as accountability measures for southern windowpane flounder. The committee will provide recommendations for research priorities as well as review the status of the fishery for fishing year

2012. In addition, the committee will review progress on the Limited Access General Category Individual Fishing Quota performance report being completed by the Scallop Plan Development Team. Finally, NMFS will give a presentation about management action timing issues. The Committee will review the general timelines and steps involved in reviewing and approving fishery management actions and have an opportunity to ask questions.

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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 5, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Hearing

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council will hold a public hearing to obtain input from fishers, the general public, and the local agencies representatives on the Draft Regulatory Amendment 2 to the Fishery Management Plan for Queen Conch Resources of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands: Compatible Trip and Bag