management of recreational red snapper in the Gulf would enable regions and their associated communities to specify the optimal management parameters that best meet the needs of their local constituents thereby addressing regional socio-economic concerns. These alternatives will consider regional management for the recreational harvest of red snapper in the Gulf including the delegation of management to the regions and accountability measures necessary to prevent overfishing.

In Amendment 39, the Council is considering regional management as a way to provide greater flexibility in management of recreational red snapper fishing in the Gulf. Regional management refers to allowing regulations to be different for identified regions of the Gulf, in contrast to uniform regulations applied to the entire EEZ. Regionally specific regulations may be more appropriate to the fishing preferences of local fishermen. For example, regulations could be designed to accommodate various tourist seasons or rough weather conditions, thereby optimizing fishing opportunities regionally around the Gulf.

The intent behind regional management is that participating states or regions could design management options to better fit their needs. However, the proposed options must achieve the same conservation goals as the Federal management measures in existence at a given time (i.e., constrain the catches of participating fishermen to the region’s allocation of the total recreational quota). Red snapper would remain a federally managed species. The Council and NMFS would continue to oversee management of the stock. This includes continuing to comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the mandate to ensure the red snapper annual recreational quota is not exceeded and that conservation objectives are achieved. The Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) would continue to determine the acceptable biological catch (ABC) for red snapper, and the Council and NMFS would determine the total recreational red snapper quota that could be allocated among regions.

NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, will develop a DEIS to describe and analyze management alternatives to address the management needs described above. For the actions and alternatives, the Council would need to identify the region’s proportion of the recreational red snapper quota among the identified regions, and define the management measures that may be modified at the regional level. The regional management measures that are most likely to be modified include the timing (season start and end dates) of the fishing season, structure (e.g., continuous or weekends only) of the fishing season, and closed areas. Modifications to the bag limit and minimum and/or maximum size limits, including options for a slot limit could also be considered. A recreational quota would remain for the entire Gulf and regional accountability measures (AMs) will need to be established. At the regional level, when a regional quota is projected to be reached, red snapper fishing would be closed according to the guiding regional recreational AMs. At the Gulf-wide level, the total recreational quota would also need to be monitored, and when the recreational quota is reached or projected to be reached, red snapper fishing could be closed for the entire Gulf even if a region has remaining quota.

NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, will develop a DEIS to describe and analyze alternatives to address the management needs described above. Those alternatives will include a “no action” alternative for each action. In accordance with NOAA’s Administrative Order 216–6, Section 5.02(c), Scoping Process, NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, has identified preliminary environmental issues as a means to initiate discussion for scoping purposes only. These preliminary issues may not represent the full range of issues that eventually will be evaluated in the DEIS.

After the DEIS associated with Amendment 39 is completed, it will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). After filing, the EPA will publish a notice of availability (NOA) of the DEIS for public comment in the Federal Register. The DEIS will have a 45-day comment period. This procedure is pursuant to regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and to NOAA’s Administrative Order 216–6 regarding NOAA’s compliance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations.

The Council and NMFS will consider public comments received on the DEIS in developing the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) and before voting to submit the final amendment to NMFS for Secretarial review, approval, and implementation. NMFS will announce in the Federal Register the availability of the final amendment and FEIS for public review during the Secretarial review period, and will consider all public comments prior to final agency action to approve, disapprove, or partially approve the amendment. During Secretarial review, NMFS will also file the FEIS with the EPA and the EPA will publish a NOA for the FEIS in the Federal Register.

NMFS will announce, through a notice published in the Federal Register, all public comment periods on the final amendment, its proposed implementing regulations, and the availability of its associated FEIS. NMFS will consider all public comments received during the Secretarial review period, whether they are on the final amendment, the proposed regulations, or the FEIS, prior to final agency action.

Public Hearings, Times, and Locations

Public comment will be taken at the Council meetings in Pensacola, FL, on June 17–21, 2013, and in San Antonio, TX, on August 26–30, 2013. In addition, public comments will be solicited at Public Hearings which will be scheduled following the June 2013, Council meeting. Exact dates, times, and locations will be announced by the Council and advertised on the Council’s Web site: http://www.gulfcouncil.org/. The public will be informed, via a notification in the Federal Register, of the exact times, dates, and locations of future scoping meetings and public hearings for Amendment 39. Comments will also be accepted during the comment periods for the DEIS and NOA for the amendment.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 36 pre-data deadline and assessment webinars.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 36 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of snowy

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groupers will consist of a series of webinars. See: SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: A SEDAR 36 pre-data deadline webinar will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Additional assessment webinars will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the following dates: July 12, 2013; July 26, 2013; August 23, 2013 (optional); September 4, 2013; and September 27, 2013 (optional). Optional webinar dates will be used as required by the Assessment Panel during the assessment process.

ADDRESSES:
Meeting address: The meetings will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd at SEDAR (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Byrd, SEDAR Coordinator; telephone: (843) 571–4366; email: julia.byrd@safmnc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. The product of the SEDAR webinar series is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the SEDAR 36 Assessment webinar series are as follows:

1. Participants will evaluate and recommend datasets appropriate for assessment analysis, employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks, and management criteria, and project future conditions.

2. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

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 identified 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 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 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.


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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC–2013–0005]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Registration Card Effectiveness Survey

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) is announcing that a proposed collection of information regarding a survey on the effectiveness of product registration cards in facilitating product recalls has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Fax or email written comments on the collection of information by June 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: CPSC Desk Officer, FAX: 202–395–6974, or emailed to: oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. All comments should be identified by Docket No. CPSC–2013–0005. In addition, written comments also should be submitted at: http://www.regulations.gov, under Docket No. CPSC–2013–0005, or by mail/hand delivery/courier (for paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions), preferably in five copies, to: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504–7923. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert H. Squibb, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; (301) 504–7815, or by email to: rsquibb@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 4, 2013, the Commission provided an opportunity for public comment on a proposed collection of information on the effectiveness of product registration cards in facilitating product recalls (78 FR 7761). No comments were received. In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, the CPSC has submitted the following proposed collection of information to the OMB for review and clearance: Registration Card Effectiveness Survey. The Danny Keysar Child Product Safety Notification Act, Section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), requires durable infant or toddler product manufacturers to provide product registration cards with each product sold. The Commission established product registration card requirements for consumer registration of durable infant or toddler products under 16 CFR part 1130. Section 104(d)(4) also requires the Commission to prepare a report of the effectiveness of product registration cards in facilitating product recalls, which is to