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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: Meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the: Mackerel, Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem, and Reef Fish Management Committees; and a meeting of the Full Council. The Council will also hold an informal public question and answer session regarding agenda items and a formal public comment session.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held from 1 p.m. on Monday, October 28 until 12 noon on Thursday, October 31, 2013.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: (504) 581-1300.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203

North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Douglas Gregory, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630; fax: (813) 348-1711; email: *doug.gregory@gulfcouncil.org*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion for each individual management committee agenda are as follows:

Mackerel Management Committee, Monday, October 28, 2013, 1 p.m. Until 3 p.m.

1. Take Final Draft on CMP Amendment 20A (previously CMP Amendment 19).
2. Take Final Draft on CMP Amendment 20B (previously CMP Amendment 20).
3. Discuss Additional Motions from the South Atlantic September 2013 Council meeting.
4. Discuss the Purpose and Timing of CMP Amendment 24.
5. Review SAFMC's Framework Action addressing king mackerel trip limits and allowable Spanish mackerel nets.
6. Other Business—Review the Regional Electronic Technology Implementation Plan.

Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Management Committee, Monday, October 28, 2013, 3 p.m. Until 5:30 p.m.

1. Review of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Report.
2. Review of Draft Framework Action—Update Tier 3 ACLs with Revised Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Landings.
3. Review of Generic Amendment—Default Status Determination Criteria, Optimum Yield Definition, and Adoption of Annual Catch Limits for Red Snapper Scoping Document.
4. Review of Framework Action to Define Operating as a Charter Vessel or Headboat in the Gulf of Mexico.

Reef Fish Management Committee, Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Until 4 p.m.

1. Receive a summary from the October 2013 Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting.
2. Take Final Action on Amendment 39—Recreational Red Snapper Regional Management.
3. Review of Draft Framework Action to Rescind Amendment 30B Permit Conditions.
4. Discuss the Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ Advisory Panel Charge.
5. Review of Scoping/Options Paper for Sector Separation.

6. Discuss Exempted Fishing Permits related to Reef Fish (if any).

Council Session Agenda, Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 4 p.m. Until 5 p.m.

4 p.m.–4:20 p.m.: Call to Order and Introductions, adoption of agenda and approval of minutes, and approval of proposed 2014 Committee Appointments.

4:20 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: The Council will review and vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP), if any.

4:30 p.m.–5 p.m.: The Council will discuss the Red Drum Tagging Program.

Note: Immediately following recess will be an informal public Question and Answer Session on Gulf of Mexico fishery management issues on Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

Council Session Agenda, Wednesday, October 30, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Until 5:30 p.m.

8:30 a.m.–12 noon: The Council will meet as a committee of the whole for Data Collection, Shrimp and Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Management Committees.

1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: The Council will receive public testimony on Final Mackerel Amendments 20A—Coastal Migratory Pelagics Sale and Permit Provisions and Final Amendment 20B—Modifications to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Zone Management, and on Final Action—Reef Fish Amendment 39—Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper. The Council will also hold an open public comment period regarding any other fishery issues or concerns. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: The Council will receive a committee report from the Mackerel Management Committee.

Council Session Agenda, Thursday, October 31, 2013, 8:30 a.m. Until 11:45 a.m.

8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: The Council will receive a committee report from the Reef Fish Management Committee.

10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: The Council will review Other Business items: Joint Law Enforcement Report, the SEDAR Steering Committee Report, and review of the SEDAR schedule.

11:30 a.m.–11:45 p.m.: The Council will review the Action Schedule.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement: Department of the Army Permit Application Pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Rivers and Harbors Act and Permissions Under the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion, Plaquemines Parish, LA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to inform a decision relative to the request for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, and permissions under 33 U.S.C. Section 408, to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) for their proposed action on the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (MBSD). The EIS will be used to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and as a basis for both the permit decision and the Section 408 permissions.

The DA permit and the 408 permissions are two separate processes with different authorities analyzed by different mission areas (including Regulatory and Civil Works) inside the USACE. Under Section 404 of the CWA and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act, the District Engineer permits the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States as well as work, to include the installation and maintenance of structures, in navigable waters of the U.S., if the discharge meets the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines, and the proposal is determined to not be contrary to the overall public interest. Under 33 U.S.C. 408, the Chief of Engineers grants permission to alter, modify, or impair an existing USACE project if it is not injurious to the public interest and does not impair the usefulness of such work. The project involves structural crossings of the Federal Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Levee and the future New Orleans to Venice (NOV) Hurricane Protection Levee and could impact the Mississippi River Navigation Channel, Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion as well as other Federal projects. USACE Regulatory and Civil Works will coordinate on all aspects of the production of the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Mr. Nathan Dayan at USACE, CEMVN-PDN-CEP, P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, LA 70118-0267, by phone (504) 862-2530, or by email at CEMVN-Midbarataria@usace.army.mil. Request to be placed on the mailing list should be mailed to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions on the DA permit should be directed to: Mr. Robert Tewis by phone (504) 862-2041 or at the email above. Questions on the 408 permissions should be directed to: Mr. Nathan Dayan (see **ADDRESSES**) or at the email above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. **Authority:** Section 14 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 408); Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403); Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344); and, Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332).

2. **Proposed Action.** The USACE will prepare an EIS to analyze the impacts of diverting sediment-laden Mississippi River water into the Mid-Barataria Basin by CPRA. This permit request is proposed to re-establish a connection between the Mississippi River and the Basin to build, sustain, and maintain

land. CPRA is proposing to construct the diversion intake through the levee on the west side of the Mississippi River at approximately river mile 60.7, in Plaquemines Parish, LA, and the diversion outfall through the future NOV Hurricane Protection Levee into the Mid-Barataria Basin to allow sediment laden water from the Mississippi River to flow into the Barataria Basin.

3. **Alternatives.** The EIS will address an array of alternatives to re-establish a connection between the Mississippi River and the Basin. Some alternatives will be brought forward from existing studies and projects including the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Program, Louisiana Coastal Area (LCA) Ecosystem Restoration Study, LCA Medium Diversion at Myrtle Grove (MDMG) with Dedicated Dredging Feasibility Study, the State/Non-governmental Organization (NGO) Myrtle Grove Delta Building Diversion Modeling Effort in Support of LCA Medium Diversion at Myrtle Grove with Dedicated Dredging, the 2012 Louisiana Coastal Master Plan, and alternatives developed through the NEPA scoping process.

4. **Scoping.** Scoping is the process utilized for determining the range of alternatives and significant issues to be addressed in the EIS. The USACE invites full public participation to promote open communication on the issues surrounding the proposed action. All individuals, organizations, NGOs, and local, state, and Federal agencies that have an interest are urged to participate in the NEPA scoping process. Public scoping meeting(s) will be held to present information to the public and to receive comments from the public. Public scoping meetings for both processes will be conducted jointly. The dates, times and locations of the scoping meetings will be determined in conjunction with CPRA at a later date and announced through local media channels as well as Regulatory public notice Web site—<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/PublicNotices.aspx>.

5. **Significant issues.** The EIS will analyze the potential social, economic, and natural environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project. Important resources and issues that will be evaluated in the EIS could include but would not be limited to effects on tidal wetlands and other waters of the U.S.; aquatic resources; commercial and recreational fisheries; wildlife resources; essential fish habitat; water quality; cultural resources; geology and soils including agricultural and prime/unique