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: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Working Group.

DATES: The meeting will convene from 9 a.m. (E.S.T.) until 5 p.m. on September 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council’s office, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Morgan Kilgour, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630; fax: (813) 348–1711; email: morgan.kilgour@gulfcouncil.org

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

The working group is convening to address two charges from the Council. The first is to develop a set of suggested goals and objectives of an Ecosystem Based Management Plan that considers measurable targets. The second is to develop approaches for identifying and prioritizing ecosystem and socioeconomic information needs for the fisheries managed by the Council.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted on the Council’s file server, which can be accessed by going to the Council Web site at http://www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on FTP Server under Quick Links. For meeting materials see folder “Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Working Group meeting—2014–9” on Gulf Council file server. To access the file server, the URL is https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi, or go to the Council’s Web site and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council Web site (http://www.gulfcouncil.org). The username and password are both “gulfquest”.

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 Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council Office (see ADDRESSES), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: August 29, 2014.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) sub-Working Group to review and discuss the 2014 draft Stock Assessment Update for the Main Hawaiian Islands Deep–7 Bottomfish Complex through 2013 with Projected Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) through 2016. The sub-group would also review the comments of the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) on the Biomass-Augmented Catch-Maximum Sustainable Yield (BAC–MSY) model used for developing reference points for ACL specification.

DATES: The SSC sub-Working Group meeting will be held on September 17, 2014 at 1 p.m. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for agenda.

ADDRESSES: The SSC sub-Working Group meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comment opportunity will be provided. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for the SSC Sub-Working Group Meeting

1 p.m., Wednesday, September 17, 2014

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Review of SSC Comments on Draft 2014 Stock Assessment Update and Projected ACLs
4. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Response to SSC Comments
5. Review of CIE Comment on Biomass Augmented Catch MSY model
6. Public Comments
7. Discussion and Recommendations

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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