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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-729

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Spiny Lobster Review Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015, from 9 a.m. Until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Marriott Beachside Key West Hotel, located at 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040; telephone: (305) 296-8100.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 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:

Spiny Lobster Review Panel Agenda, Monday, February 9, 2015, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

1. Introductions.
2. Council charge—"If the ACT is exceeded the Councils will convene a review panel to determine if corrective action is necessary to prevent the ACL from being exceeded. Furthermore, if the catch exceeds the ACL more than once in the last four consecutive years, the entire system of ACLs and AMs would be re-evaluated as required by the National Standard 1 guidelines."
3. Scope of work.
4. Recent spiny lobster landings.

5. Potential factors contributing to landings increase—topics for discussion:
 - a. Former stock assessment summary.
 - b. Economic value through time.
 - i. Other factors affecting effort and catch.
 - c. Stone crab landings.
 - d. Types of effort, permits, and landings.
 - e. Overview of Annual Catch Target/Annual Catch Limit/Overfishing Limit using different metrics.
 - i. Time series analyses of ACT, ACL, and OFL.
 - ii. Mean \pm 1 s.d., 1.5 s.d., and 2 s.d. using the most recent 10 years data (in Amendment 10).
 - iii. Mean \pm 1 s.d., 1.5 s.d., and 2 s.d. from 2000–present.
 - f. Other.
 - i. PaV1 disease prevalence.
 - ii. Genetic information.
 6. Discussion and panel recommendations.
 7. Other Business.

—Adjourn—
For meeting materials see folder "Spiny Lobster Review Panel meeting Feb 2015" 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 "gulfguest". The Agenda is subject to change.

The meeting will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's Web site, <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

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: January 20, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council and its Committees.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, February 10, 2015 through Thursday, February 12, 2015. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh Brownstone-University, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27605; telephone: (919) 828-0811.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., 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; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's Web site, www.mafmc.org also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the agenda, however, agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's Web site when possible.)

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Research Set-Aside (Cooperative Research) Committee

- Discuss goals for a MAFMC cooperative research program and criteria for evaluating success
- Review and decide on a plan of action, including whether the following are needed: additional committee members, a Fishery

Management Action Team (FMAT), and/or an advisory panel
—Discuss workshop and potential invitees

3 p.m.

Council Convenes

3 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Climate Change and Fisheries—

Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
—NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy, *Roger Griffis—NMFS*
—Review Climate White Paper
—Discuss incorporation of climate change and variability into Council fishery science and management programs

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

9 a.m.

Council Convenes

9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Cost

Recovery Amendment
—Review public hearing comments
—Select preferred alternatives for submission to NMFS

10:30 a.m.–11:50 a.m.

Omnibus Observer Amendment

—Review and approve document for public comment and hearings

11:50 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ricks E Savage Award

1 p.m.–5 p.m.

Deep Sea Coral Amendment

—Review public hearing comments
—Select preferred alternatives for submission to NMFS

5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Listening Session—MRIP New Effort

Estimation Methodology, *Rob Andrews—NMFS*

Thursday, February 12, 2015

8 a.m.

Council Convenes

8 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

ACCSP Presentation—Recent Data

Collection Improvements, *Mike Cahall—ACCSP*

8:30 a.m.–9 a.m.

Electronic Technology Implementation Plan—Update, *Dan Morris—NMFS*

9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Business Session

Organization Reports

—NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
—NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
—Stock Assessment Program Review and Follow-up
—NOAA Office of General Counsel
—NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
—U.S. Coast Guard
—Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Liaison Reports

—New England Council

—South Atlantic Council Executive Director's Report, *Chris Moore*

Science Report, *Rich Seagraves*
Committee Reports

—RSA (Cooperative Research) Committee

—Continuing and New Business

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Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 20, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rocky Intertidal Monitoring Surveys on the South Farallon Islands, California

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) regulations, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to the National Ocean Service's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GNFMS) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to rocky intertidal monitoring work and searching for black abalone, components of the Sanctuary Ecosystem Assessment Surveys.

DATES: Effective January 10, 2015, through January 30, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the authorization, application, and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) may be obtained by writing to Jolie Harrison, Supervisor, Incidental Take Program, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephoning the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or visiting the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>. Documents cited in this notice may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking, other means of effecting the least practicable impact on the species or stock and its habitat, and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as “. . . an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.”