

initial planning for 10 to 20-day field program; introduction of NEFSC Working Group on transition options (*i.e.*, to transition to industry based sampling platforms—in full or in part); and next steps for NTAP including discussion about additional funding for future meetings.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is 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: September 6, 2016.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to the General Advisory Committee; Conference Call Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a conference call of the General Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (SAS) to the GAC on September 23, 2016. The meeting and call topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The conference call with the GAC and SAS will be held on September 23, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (or until business is concluded).

**ADDRESSES:** The call will be held via conference line: 1–888–790–6181, passcode: 55049.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Taylor Debevec, West Coast Region, NMFS, at *Taylor.Debevec@noaa.gov*, or at (562) 980–4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*), as amended,

the U.S. Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Department of State (the State Department), appoints a GAC to the U.S. Section to the IATTC, and a SAS that advises the GAC. The U.S. Section consists of four U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC and representatives of the State Department, NOAA, Department of Commerce, other agencies of the U.S. Government, and other stakeholders. The purpose of the GAC is to advise the U.S. Section with respect to scientific research about, and management of, tuna and tuna-like species in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean conducted by the IATTC, with particular reference to development of U.S. policies, positions, and negotiating tactics. The purpose of the SAS is to advise the GAC on matters of science. NMFS West Coast Region provides administrative support for the GAC and SAS. The meetings of the GAC and SAS shall generally be open to the public, unless the meetings go into executive session for specific topics. The time and manner of public comment will be at the discretion of the chairs for the GAC and SAS.

The 90th meeting of the IATTC was held in La Jolla, CA, from June 27 to July 1, 2016, but not all agenda items were addressed and the meeting was temporarily adjourned. As such, the 90th meeting of the IATTC will be resumed from October 12 to October 14, 2016, in La Jolla, CA. For more information on the resumed meeting, please visit the IATTC's Web site: <https://www.iatc.org/MeetingsENG.htm>.

#### GAC and SAS Call Topics

The call topics will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Formulation of advice on issues that may arise at the resumed 90th meeting of the IATTC, including the IATTC staff's recommended conservation measures, U.S. proposals, and proposals from other IATTC members; and

2. Other issues as they arise.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Taylor Debevec (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) by September 16, 2016.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*

Dated: September 6, 2016.

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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:** Notice of a public meeting via webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting via webinar of its Data Collection Technical Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Thursday, September 29, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar; you may register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5388009774335661059>.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. John Froeschke, Fishery Biologist–Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; *john.froeschke@gulfcouncil.org*; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

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

The Data Collection Technical Committee will meet to discuss the minimum data elements necessary to implement electronic reporting of for-hire fisheries data in the Gulf of Mexico. The Technical Committee will review data elements collected by existing for-hire programs in the Gulf and other regions as well as the data elements recommended for consideration by the National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office. The objectives are to improve timeliness and data quality of fisheries data from the federal for-hire sector that will be used to support fisheries science and management. The Technical Committee is expected to discuss and provide recommendations to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council regarding about the minimum data elements to achieve the goals of the program.

#### Meeting Adjourns

Please register for Data Collection Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2016, 9 a.m. EDT at: <https://>