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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting via Webinar, jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC's) *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place via Webinar with a telephone-only connection option. The Webinar can be accessed, at http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/scup_quota_ap/. To access via telephone, dial 1-800-832-0736 and use room number 5068871.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site, at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Advisory Panel, will meet on Monday, November 14, 2016, via Webinar (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential changes to the dates of the three commercial quota periods for

the *Scup* fishery. The three quota periods are each allocated a different percentage of the annual commercial quota and different possession limits are in effect during each period. The Council is considering initiating a framework adjustment, or other management action, to modify the dates of these quota periods, based on past requests from Advisory Panel members. During this meeting, advisors will review a preliminary analysis of the potential impacts of modifying the quota period dates, will review recommendations from the Monitoring Committee, and will have an opportunity to provide the Council with additional input on a potential management action to modify these dates.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's Web site, at www.mafmc.org, prior to the meeting.

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 business days prior to the meeting.

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

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

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 51 Stock Identification (ID) webinar for Gray Snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 51 assessment of the Gray Snapper will consist of a data workshop, a review workshop, and a series of assessment webinars.

DATES: The SEDAR 51 Stock ID webinar will be held November 14, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer 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, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; telephone: (843) 571-4366; email: Julie.neer@safmc.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. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS 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 NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Stock ID webinars are as follows:

1. Participants will use review genetic studies, growth patterns, existing stock definitions, prior SEDAR stock ID recommendations, and any other relevant information on Gray Snapper stock structure.

2. Participants will make recommendations on biological stock structure and define the unit stock or stocks to be addressed through this assessment.

3. Participants will provide recommendations to address Council management jurisdictions, to support management of the stock or stocks, and specification of management benchmarks and fishing levels by Council jurisdiction in a manner consistent with the productivity measures of the stock.

4. Participants will document work group discussion and recommendations through a Data Workshop working paper for SEDAR 51.

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

The meeting is 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 5 business days prior to each workshop.

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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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Final Order Regarding Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Application To Exempt Specified Transactions; Amendment to the Final Order Exempting Specified Transactions of Certain Independent System Operators and Regional Transmission Organizations

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Final order.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) is issuing a final order in response to an application from Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”) to exempt specified transactions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and Commission regulations. In this release, the Commission is also amending an order issued on March 28, 2013 exempting other specified transactions from certain provisions of the CEA and Commission regulations.

DATES: The effective date for the SPP Final Order and the Amended RTO-ISO Order is October 24, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert B. Wasserman, Chief Counsel, 202-418-5092, rwasserman@cftc.gov, Alicia L. Lewis, Special Counsel, 202-418-5862, alewis@cftc.gov, or Andrée Goldsmith, Special Counsel, 202-418-6624, agoldsmith@cftc.gov, Division of Clearing and Risk; David P. Van Wagner, Chief Counsel, 202-418-5481, dvanwagner@cftc.gov, or Riva Spear Adriance, Senior Special Counsel, 202-418-5494, radriance@cftc.gov, Division of Market Oversight, in each case at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

The Commission is issuing a final order (“SPP Final Order”) in response to an application (“Exemption Application”) ¹ from SPP to exempt certain Transmission Congestion Rights, Energy Transactions, and Operating Reserve Transactions (collectively, the “SPP Covered Transactions”) from certain provisions of the CEA ² and Commission regulations. The SPP Final Order exempts contracts, agreements,

and transactions for the purchase or sale of the limited electric energy-related products that are specifically described within the SPP Final Order from certain provisions of the CEA and Commission regulations, with the exception of the Commission’s general anti-fraud and anti-manipulation authority, and scienter-based prohibitions, under CEA sections 2(a)(1)(B), 4(d), 4b, 4c(b), 4o, 4s(h)(1)(A), 4s(h)(4)(A), 6(c), 6(d), 6(e), 6c, 6d, 8, 9, and 13 of the Act, and any implementing regulations promulgated under these sections including, but not limited to, Commission regulations § 23.410(a) and (b), § 32.4, and part 180.³ The exemption in the SPP Final Order also will exempt such transactions from private actions pursuant to CEA section 22.⁴ To be eligible for the exemption contained in the SPP Final Order, the contract, agreement, or transaction must be offered or entered into in a market administered by SPP pursuant to SPP’s tariff, rate schedule, or protocol (collectively, “Tariff”), and the Tariff must have been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”). In addition, the contract, agreement, or transaction must be entered into by persons who are “appropriate persons,” as defined in sections 4(c)(3)(A) through (J) of the Act,⁵ “eligible contract participants,” as defined in section 1a(18)(A) of the Act and Commission regulations,⁶ or persons who are in the business of: (i) Generating, transmitting, or distributing electric energy, or (ii) providing electric energy services that are necessary to support the reliable operation of the transmission system. The SPP Final Order also extends to any person or class of persons offering, entering into, rendering advice, or rendering other services with respect to the SPP Covered Transactions. Finally, the SPP Final Order is subject to other conditions set forth therein. Authority for issuing the exemption is found in section 4(c)(6) of the Act.⁷ The Commission issued a proposed order and request for comment with respect to SPP’s Exemption Application (“SPP Proposed Order”) on May 18, 2015.⁸

³ The foregoing provisions are referred to as the “Excepted Provisions.”

⁴ 7 U.S.C. 25.

⁵ 7 U.S.C. 6(c)(3)(A) through (J).

⁶ 7 U.S.C. 1a(18)(A). *See also* Further Definition of “Swap Dealer,” “Security-Based Swap Dealer,” “Major Swap Participant,” “Major Security-Based Swap Participant” and “Eligible Contract Participant,” 77 FR 30596, May 23, 2012.

⁷ 7 U.S.C. 6(c)(6).

⁸ Notice of Proposed Order and Request for Comment on an Application for an Exemptive Order From Southwest Power Pool, Inc. From Certain Provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act

¹ In the Matter of the Application for an Exemptive Order Under Section 4(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act by Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Oct. 17, 2013, as amended Aug. 1, 2014.

² 7 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*