

**DATES:** The SSC will meet Tuesday, October 24, 2017, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, October 25, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 26, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (800) 334-6660 or (843) 571-1000; fax: (843) 766-9444.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items will be discussed by the SSC during the meeting:

1. Updates on 2016-17 landings, Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs), and Accountability Measures (AMs).

2. Updates on recent Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment program activities, the long-term assessment scheduling approach, and Council future assessment priorities; approve Terms of Reference, schedule, and identify participants for the Cobia Stock Identification Workshop, Greater Amberjack, and Red Porgy assessments; approve the revised Terms of Reference for SEDAR 55 assessment for Vermilion Snapper.

3. Discuss a NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) report on the feasibility of a Gray Triggerfish assessment.

4. Review updated Red Grouper projections and provide fishing level recommendations.

5. Review the SEDAR 50 Blueline Tilefish assessment and provide fishing level recommendations.

6. Review the revised Golden Tilefish assessment and provide fishing level recommendations.

7. Discuss ABC Control Rule modifications.

8. Review Amendment 46 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan addressing red snapper and evaluate SEFSC Index Projection methodology progress.

9. Review and comment on the Commercial and Recreational Snapper Grouper Visioning Amendments.

10. Review the South Atlantic Ecosystem Model and provide recommendations for future direction and utility of this tool.

11. Discuss the Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program Review.

12. Receive updates and progress reports on ongoing Council amendments and activities including the Citizen Science Program.

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Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Multiple opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings. Open comment periods will be provided at the start of the meeting and near the conclusion. Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. Additional opportunities for comment on specific agenda items will be provided, as each item is discussed, between initial presentations and SSC discussion. Those interested in providing comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business 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: October 2, 2017.

**Jeffrey N. Lonergan,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0649-XF726**

**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.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC), in conjunction with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee (LEC).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, starting at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Battle House Renaissance hotel, located at 26 North Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: (251) 338-2000.

*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:** Mr. Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org), telephone: (813) 348-1630, and Mr. Steve Vanderkooy, Inter-jurisdictional Fisheries Coordinator, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; [svanderkooy@gsmfc.org](mailto:svanderkooy@gsmfc.org), telephone: (228) 875-5912.

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

**Joint Gulf Council's Law Enforcement Technical Committee and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Agenda**

*Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.*

1. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes (Joint Meeting October 13, 2016)
3. Special election for LETC Vice-chair
4. Discussion of Joint LETC/LEC Chairs

**Gulf Council LETC Items**

5. Options Paper for Amendment 36B—Modifications to Commercial Individual Fishing Quota Programs
6. Draft Amendment—State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper
7. Options Paper for Venting Tools and Descending Devices
8. Options Paper for Draft Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Protocol and Gear for the Reef Fish Fishery
9. Coral Amendment 9—Public Hearing Draft of Coral Habitat Areas Considered for Management in the Gulf of Mexico
10. Spiny Lobster Amendment 12—Bully net gear regulations for spiny lobster for the EEZ off Florida
11. Implications of Permit Transfers for Federal For-Hire Vessels
12. Review of the Guidelines for the 2017 Officer of the Year Award
13. Overview of Congressional Activities

**GSMFC LEC Items**

14. Potential JEA Gulf-Wide Observed Compliance Rates
15. IJF Program Activity
  - a. Cobia Profile
  - b. Officers' Pocket Guide
  - c. Annual License and Fees
  - d. Law Summary (red book)
16. State Report Highlights
  - a. Florida
  - b. Alabama
  - c. Mississippi
  - d. Louisiana
  - e. Texas
  - f. USCG
  - g. NOAA OLE
  - h. USFWS
17. Other Business  
—Meeting Adjourns—

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The Law Enforcement Technical Committee consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf States, as well as the NOAA Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the NOAA General Counsel for Law Enforcement.

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Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

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Dated: October 2, 2017.

**Jeffrey N. Lonergan,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the 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 55 Assessment Scoping webinar for South Atlantic Vermilion Snapper.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 55 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of Vermilion Snapper will consist of a series of webinars. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** A SEDAR 55 Assessment Scoping webinar will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meetings will be held via webinar. The webinars are open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd 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:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; [www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Byrd, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366; email: [julia.byrd@safmc.net](mailto:julia.byrd@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. The product of the SEDAR webinar series will be a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species 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 non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Assessment Scoping webinar are as follows:

Participants will review data and discuss data issues, as necessary, and initial model issues.

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