

that can be used to mimic both of on-target and off-target genome editing induced variants at known frequencies in a background of human genomic DNA which can be used to benchmark validation of sequencing pipelines intended to identify genome editing induced variants.

b. Design and conduct controlled evaluations of assays intended to identify where genome editing enzymes have been active in a genome, with an experimental design that allows for enough power to assess the sources of variability, repeatability, and reproducibility within an assay.

(2) Data and Meta Data:

a. Identify community norms for data formats and tools for benchmarking data analysis including in silico data sets and an experimental data set.

b. Determine the type of meta data that would be needed to be shared, housed, and interrogated from genome editing experiments.

(3) Lexicon: Identify terms and related definitions to form a common genome editing community lexicon.

No proprietary information will be shared as part of the Consortium.

*Process:* Interested parties with relevant genome editing associated capabilities (see below), products, and/or technical expertise to support this Consortium should contact NIST using the information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. NIST will then provide each interested party with a letter of interest template, which the party must complete, and submit to NIST. NIST will contact interested parties if there are questions regarding the responsiveness of the letters. NIST will select participants who have submitted complete letters of interest based on the capabilities listed below. Eligibility will be determined solely by NIST based on information provided by interested organizations and upon the availability of necessary resources to NIST.

To participate, the eligible applicant will be required to sign a CRADA with NIST.

*Requirements:* Each letter of interest should provide the following information:

(1) A description of the experience in genome editing or genome engineering, bioinformatics, next-generation sequencing, detection or quantitation of DNA variants or related expertise to contribute to the Consortium.

(2) Subgroups or topic areas of interest for participation. There is no limit on the number of areas of participation.

(3) List of interested party's anticipated participants.

Letters of interest may not include business proprietary information. NIST will not treat any information provided in response to this Notice as proprietary information. NIST will notify each organization of its eligibility. In order to participate in this Consortium, each eligible organization must sign a CRADA for this Consortium. All participants to this Consortium will be bound by the same terms and conditions. Participants will be required to contribute financial or equivalent in-kind resources, as determined by NIST, of at least \$20,000. NIST does not guarantee participation in the Consortium or in any other collaboration to any organization submitting a Letter of Interest.

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**Kevin Kimball,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Citizen Science Advisory Panel Projects/Topics Management; Finance & Infrastructure; Volunteers; Communication/Outreach/Education; and Data Management Action Teams.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold an all-hands meeting of its Citizen Science Advisory Panel Projects/Topics Management; Finance & Infrastructure; Volunteers; Communication/Outreach/Education; and Data Management Action Teams via webinar.

**DATES:** The Projects/Topics Management; Finance & Infrastructure; Volunteers; Communication/Outreach/Education; and Data Management Action Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 9 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to last approximately three hours. Additional Action Team webinar dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar and is open to members of the public. Webinar registration is required and registration links will be posted to the Citizen Science program page of the Council's website at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net).

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council created a Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool in June 2017. The Council appointed members of the Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool to five Action Teams in the areas of *Volunteers, Data Management, Projects/Topics Management, Finance, and Communication/Outreach/Education* to develop program policies and operations for the Council's Citizen Science Program.

Each Action Team has been meeting since August 2017 to work on developing recommendations on program policies and operations to be reviewed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee. The January 31, 2018 meeting will bring all members of all five Action Teams together to review and discuss draft recommendations from each Action Team. Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.

Items to be addressed during these meetings:

1. Overview and discussion of Action Team draft recommendations
2. Other Business

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 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 8, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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