

2016/2017 Spiny Lobster Landings and draft options paper for Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 13. The Administrative/Budget Committee will meet to review the Ad Hoc Advisory Panels and discuss the Scientific and Statistical Committees' (SSC) Organization. After lunch, the Sustainable Fisheries Management Committee will convene to review the Mackerel Landings and Bag Limit Analysis; options paper for Carryover of Unharvested Quota; and the public hearing draft for Amendment 49—Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Procedure for the Reef Fish Fishery. The Committee will also review a draft policy for descending devices and venting tools; the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) by Gulf Council and other regional approaches; and a presentation on Reef Fish Charter For-Hire Permit Transfers and Potential Management Actions. The Committee will receive the Environmental Assessment and Exempted Fishery Permits for Lionfish Trap Testing in the Gulf and South Atlantic, and hold a discussion on Dead Zone regarding RESTORE Act Activities. Approximately 4:30 p.m., the Council will reconvene in a CLOSED SESSION of the Full Council to select members to the Ad Hoc Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Advisory Panel and discuss hiring of the new Executive Director.

*Tuesday, January 30, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*

The Reef Fish Management Committee will convene to review and discuss Reef Fish Landings and State Management of Recreational Red Snapper. After lunch, the Committee will receive an update on the implementation of the Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment; and discuss the analysis of Red Grouper Indices of Abundance. The Committee will review Amendment 41—Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels and Amendment 42—Reef Fish Management of Headboat Survey Vessels. The Committee will receive a response from NMFS regarding referendum requirements for auctions and receive a report from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The Committee will also receive a summary from the Ad Hoc Private Angler Red Snapper Advisory Panel and a presentation on Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Commercial Fishing Year, and Trip Limits and Recreational Vessel Limits and Split Quotas.

*Wednesday, January 31, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.*

The Full Council will convene in the morning with a Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions; Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes; receive a presentation from the Louisiana Law Enforcement and an overview presentation of the Aquaculture Fishery Management Plan (FMP). At mid-morning the Council will review Exempted Fishing Permit (EFPs) Applications. After lunch, the Council will continue reviewing and discussing EFPs as well as receive a summary of any public comments on the EFPs. The Council will receive open public testimony from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Fishery Issues or Concerns. Anyone wishing to speak during public comment should sign in at the registration station located at the entrance to the meeting room.

*Thursday, February 1, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.*

Full Council will receive committee reports from Reef Fish, Spiny Lobster, Administrative/Budget and Sustainable Fisheries Management Committees, and, a report on the members selected to serve on the Ad Hoc Red Snapper and Grouper –Tilefish IFQ Advisory Panel; and, vote on any Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications. The Council will receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and, the Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items.

#### *Meeting Adjourns*

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue. The latest version will be posted on the Council's file server, which can be accessed by going to the Council's website at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org> and clicking on FTP Server under Quick Links. For meeting materials, go to the Gulf Council website or Gulf Council file server and select the "Briefing Books/Briefing Book 2018–01" folder. The username and password are both "gulfguest". The meetings will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast is available here, <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9086970310199522563>.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during these meetings. Council

action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 8, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648–XF939**

#### **Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting (webinar).

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) is sponsoring a series of webinars presenting information relevant to the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiative on Climate and Communities. The webinars are open to the public.

**DATES:** Two webinars have been scheduled. Both will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the dates shown below and last for approximately two hours. The first one, "What do we expect to happen in the California Current under climate change?" will be Thursday, January 25, 2018. The second one, "The state of the art for ecological forecasting at short-, medium- and long-term time frames" will be Thursday, February 1, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. A public listening station is available at the Pacific Council office (address below). To attend the webinar (1) join the meeting by visiting this link <https://www.gotomeeting.com/>. (Click "Join a Meeting" in top right corner of page), (2) enter the Webinar ID: 298–

193–411, and (3) enter your name and email address (required). After logging in to the webinar, you must use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting by dialing this TOLL number (1) dial this TOLL number 1–415–655–0052, (2) enter the attendee phone audio access code 564–202–797, and (3) then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). **Note:** Technical Information and system requirements: PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (See the <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at [Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820–2280, extension 411 for technical assistance.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At its September 2018 meeting, the Pacific Council decided to embark on the Climate and Communities Initiative pursuant to its Fishery Ecosystem Plan. The purpose of this initiative is to help the Pacific Council, its advisory bodies, and the public to better understand the effects of near-term climate shift and long-term climate change on our fish, fisheries, and fishing communities and identify ways in which the Council could incorporate such understanding into its decision-making. As a first step, the Council’s Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup is working with scientists at NMFS Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers to present a series of webinars to educate the Pacific Council, advisory bodies, and the interested public about current research and forecasts related to the effects of climate variability/change on the California Current Ecosystem.

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the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: January 8, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 180103005–8005–01]

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### Promoting Stakeholder Action Against Botnets and Other Automated Threats

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Department) is requesting comment on a draft Report about actions to address automated and distributed threats to the digital ecosystem as part of the activity directed by Executive Order 13800, “Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure.” Through this Notice, the Department seeks broad input and feedback from all interested stakeholders—including private industry, academia, civil society, and other security experts—on this draft Report, its characterization of risks and the state of the ecosystem, the goals laid out, and the actions to further these goals.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time on February 12, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted by email to [counter\\_botnet@list.commerce.gov](mailto:counter_botnet@list.commerce.gov). Written comments also may be submitted by mail to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4725, Attn: Evelyn L. Remaley, Deputy Associate Administrator, Washington, DC 20230. For more detailed

instructions about submitting comments, see the “Instructions for Commenters” section of **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Megan Doscher, tel.: (202) 482–2503, email: [mdoscher@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:mdoscher@ntia.doc.gov), or Allan Friedman, tel.: (202) 482–4281, email: [afriedman@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:afriedman@ntia.doc.gov), National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA’s Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482–7002, or at [press@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:press@ntia.doc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* Executive Order 13800 on Strengthening the Cybersecurity of Federal Networks and Critical Infrastructure called for “resilience against botnets and other automated, distributed threats.”<sup>1</sup> The Order directed the Secretary of Commerce, together with the Secretary of Homeland Security, to “lead an open and transparent process to identify and promote action by appropriate stakeholders” with the goal of “dramatically reducing threats perpetrated by automated and distributed attacks (e.g., botnets).”<sup>2</sup>

The Departments of Commerce and Homeland Security worked jointly on this effort through three approaches—hosting a workshop, publishing a request for comment, and initiating an inquiry through the President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC)—all aimed at gathering a broad range of input from experts and stakeholders, including private industry, academia, and civil society. The Departments worked in consultation with the Departments of Defense, Justice, and State, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the sector-specific agencies, the Federal Communications Commission, and Federal Trade Commission, as well as other interested agencies. These activities all contributed to the information gathering process for developing a draft Report.

The draft Report, published on January 5, 2018, and available at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/report/2018/report-president-enhancing-resilience-internet-and-communications-ecosystem-against>, characterizes the status of the internet and communications ecosystem, and offers a positive vision of the future. The Departments determined that the opportunities and challenges in working toward

<sup>1</sup> Exec. Order 13800, 82 FR 22,391 (May 11, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*