

Council's Vision Blueprint for the Snapper Grouper Fishery and the System Management Plan for managed areas, discuss and provide guidance to staff. The Committee will also receive an overview of sea turtle and other protected resources release gear and provide guidance to staff.

Informal Question and Answer Session, Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Formal Public Comment, Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 4:30 p.m.—Public comment will be accepted on items on the Council agenda including Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia) that the Council is considering for final approval. The Council is also accepting public comment on Executive Order 13771 (2 for 1 regulations) to identify regulations that are (1) outdated, (2) unnecessary, or (3) ineffective. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

SEDAR Committee, Thursday, March 8, 2018, 8 a.m. Until 9 a.m.

1. The Committee will receive an update on stock assessment projects, receive an overview of the Council's SEDAR Committee function and purpose and discuss, and discuss the SEDAR Steering Committee's upcoming meeting and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

ABC Control Rule—Council Meeting of the Whole, Thursday, March 8, 2018, 9 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

1. The Committee of the Whole will receive an overview of the ABC Control Rule Amendment, discuss and provide guidance to staff.

2. The Committee of the Whole will receive an overview of Accountability Measures, discuss, and provide guidance to staff.

Mackerel Cobia Committee, Thursday, March 8, 2018, 1 p.m. Until 3 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive an update on commercial catches versus ACLs and an update from state representatives on king mackerel tournament sales versus commercial ACLs.

2. The Committee will receive an update on state actions for the Interstate Atlantic Cobia Management Plan from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC).

3. The Committee will receive a summary of public comments for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 31 addressing proposed management measures for Atlantic cobia, review the decision document, and consider

approving the amendment for formal Secretarial review.

4. The Committee will receive an overview of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 6 addressing Atlantic king mackerel trip limits, discuss, and provide guidance to staff.

SOPPs Committee, Thursday, March 8, 2018, 3 p.m. Until 4 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive an overview of changes proposed to the SOPPs and Council Handbook, discuss, and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Executive/Finance Committee, Thursday, March 8, 2018, 4 p.m. Until 5:30 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive an overview of the current Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization efforts, discuss, and provide guidance to staff.

2. The Committee will receive an overview of the draft Calendar Year 2018 budget, discuss, and provide guidance to staff.

3. The Committee will receive an overview of regulatory reform efforts, Atlantic Coast-Wide Group discussion, and Council Training/Webinars, discuss, and provide guidance to staff.

Council Session: Friday, March 9, 2018, 8 a.m. Until 1 p.m. (Partially Closed Session if Needed)

The Full Council will begin with the Call to Order, adoption of the agenda, approval of minutes, announcements and introductions, and presentations.

The Council will receive a Legal Briefing on Litigation from NOAA General Counsel (if needed) during Closed Session. The Council will receive staff reports including the Executive Director's Report, a report on the Economic Impact of Fisheries for Council Managed Species, and an update on the Electronic Reporting Outreach Project. Updates will be provided by NOAA Fisheries including a presentation on the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting, status of the For-Hire Amendment, a report on the status of commercial catches versus ACLs for species not covered during an earlier committee meeting, a protected resources update, and discuss other issues as necessary. The Council will also receive a presentation on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Effort Survey Transition and Estimates Calibration and a presentation on the Status of Electronic Commercial Logbook Voluntary Reporting.

The Council will review any Exempted Fishing Permits received by NOAA Fisheries as necessary. The

Council will receive Committee reports from the Snapper Grouper, Mackerel Cobia, Spiny Lobster, AP Selection, SEDAR, ABC Control Rule Committee of the Whole, Citizen Science, Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management/Shrimp/Golden Crab, SOPPs, and Executive Finance Committees, and take action as appropriate.

The Council will receive agency and liaison reports; and discuss other business and upcoming meetings.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 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: February 7, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Notice of Recovery Plan Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, are convening a workshop to present the Southern Distinct Population Segment of Green Sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*) Draft

Recovery Plan (Plan). The notice announcing availability of the Plan was published in the **Federal Register** on January 9, 2018. Our workshop will be held on March 5, 2018, at the NMFS office in Sacramento, CA and will be open to the public. With this notice, we announce the details of a public workshop.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. *RSVP date:* If you plan to attend the workshop, please contact Joe Heublein (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than February 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, 5–100, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Heublein, NMFS Green Sturgeon Recovery Coordinator, at (916) 930–3719 or joe.heublein@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 7, 2006, we, NMFS, listed the southern distinct population segment (sDPS) of the North America green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (71 FR 17757). A recovery outline was completed in 2010. On January 9, 2018, we announced the availability of the Southern Distinct Population Segment of Green Sturgeon Draft Recovery Plan (Plan) in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 1025). The text of the Plan can be found here: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/green_sturgeon/green_sturgeon_pg.html. The Plan lays out a recovery strategy based on the best available science, identifies site-specific actions with time lines and costs, and includes recovery goals and criteria. Public comments on the Plan will be accepted through March 12, 2018. Details on how to submit comments can be found in our January 9, 2018 notice (83 FR 1025).

Recovery Plan Workshop Announcement

On March 5, 2018, NMFS will hold a public workshop at the NMFS office in Sacramento, CA to present the Plan. We invite any interested member of the public to attend. NMFS will present the details of the Plan and provide a time-limited question and answer period during which attendees may ask NMFS about the information presented. NMFS will provide a moderator to manage the workshop as well as a notetaker to document input received.

This workshop will be open to the public. If you plan to attend the workshop, please contact Joe Heublein at the address listed above by February 26, 2018, so we can ensure sufficient space for all participants. Please also plan to arrive at the workshop at least 30 minutes prior to the start time to allow time to clear the security screening checkpoint. The workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Send requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids at least five business days in advance to Joe Heublein at (916) 930–3719.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: February 7, 2018.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; 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 52 Assessment webinar II for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 52 assessment process of Gulf of Mexico red snapper will consist of an in-person workshop and a series of assessment webinars. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 52 Assessment webinar II will be held March 6, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

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; phone:

(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) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a 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 product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment 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 during the Assessment webinar II are as follows:

1. Using datasets and initial assessment analysis recommended from the in-person Workshop, panelists will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and management criteria, and project future conditions.
2. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

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