

(Permit No. 21321), and Shasta McClenahan (14450-05, 14856-06, 16239-03, 17312-01, 18636-01, and 20556-01); at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal**

**Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit or amendment issuance date
14450-05 .....	0648-XS35 ....	NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (Responsible Party: Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D.), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149.	82 FR 55804; November 24, 2017.	April 23, 2018.
14856-06 .....	0648-XB157 ..	Bruce R. Mate, Ph.D., Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365.	82 FR 55804; November 24, 2017.	April 23, 2018.
16239-03 .....	0648-XC268 ..	Dan Engelhaupt, Ph.D., 1209 Independence Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455.	82 FR 55804; November 24, 2017.	April 23, 2018.
17312-03 .....	0648-XC268 ..	Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Responsible Party: John Hildebrand, Ph.D.), University of California, 8635.	82 FR 55804; November 24, 2017.	April 23, 2018.
18636-01 .....	0648-XE075 ..	Discovery Way, La Jolla, CA 92093 .....		
		Iain Kerr, D.H.L., Ocean Alliance, 32 Horton Street, Gloucester, MA 01930.	82 FR 55804; November 24, 2017.	April 23, 2018.
20556-01 .....	0648-XF508 ..	Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Responsible Party: Jonathan Ambrose), 2070 U.S. Highway 278 Southeast, Social Circle, GA 30025.	82 FR 32328; July 13, 2017	April 30, 2018.
21251 .....	0648-XG039 ..	Waikiki Aquarium (Responsible Party: Dr. Andrew Rossiter), 2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815.	83 FR 7455; February 21, 2018.	April 30, 2018.
21321 .....	0648-XG047 ..	Pacific Whale Foundation (Responsible Party: Stephanie Stack, M.Sc.), 300 Maalaea Road, Suite 211, Wailuku, HI 96793.	83 FR 8655; February 28, 2018.	April 23, 2018.
21419 .....	0648-XG029 ..	Shannon Atkinson, Ph.D., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 17101 Point Lena Loop Road, Juneau, AK 99801.	83 FR 7454; February 21, 2018.	April 23, 2018.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed in Permit Nos. 20556-01, 21251, 21321, and 21419 are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

For Permit Nos. 14450-05, 14856-06, 16239-03, 17312-01, and 18636-01, an environmental assessment (EA) was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit amendments would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on April 23, 2018.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and

policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**Authority:** The requested permits have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: May 7, 2018.

**Julia Marie Harrison,**  
Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG227**

### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Herring Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Meeting address:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

**Council address:** New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

The Herring Committee will review draft white paper on consideration of federal management for river herring and shad stocks and provide recommendations for the Council to consider at their June 2018 meeting. They will also have an initial discussion of measures to include in 2019-2021

herring fishery specification action. The Committee will review and provide input on a rebuilding action being developed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council that could potentially modify accountability measures in the mackerel fishery. Other business may be discussed if necessary.

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 these meetings. 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 the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 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

**RIN 0648-XG197**

#### Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public webinar meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a one-day webinar meeting to address the Council's Terms of Reference contained in the agenda in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on May 29, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may join the SSC Webinar meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/374054789>. You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (408) 650-3123, Access Code: 374-054-789. If joining from a video-conferencing room or system dial 67.217.95.2##374054789 Cisco devices: 374054789@67.217.95.2.

The meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the time established in this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda will consist of the discussion of the following Terms of Reference:

1. Confirm the landings year sequence to be used to calculate the sustainable yield level (SYL) for Puerto Rico recreational jacks;

2. Clarify the process for calculating SYL and acceptable biological catch (ABC) for stock complexes with two indicator species (Tier 4a);

3. Finalize indicator species selection for Grouper Unit 5 and Snapper Unit 3 in St. Croix and for Grouper Unit 4 in St. Thomas/St. John;

4. Reconsider tier assignment for Grouper Unit 4 (St. Thomas/St. John) and Grouper Unit 5 (St. Croix) presently assigned to Tier 4b;

5. Reconsider ad hoc ABC for St. Croix queen conch;

6. Determine whether to use the alternative year sequences for St. Croix and St. Thomas/St. John proposed by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (Tiers 4a and 4b);

7. For each stock/complex included in Tier 4b, a) establish scalar for determining SYL, and b) finalize scientific uncertainty buffer for SYL to ABC;

8. Clarify whether to include an additional buffer reduction to account for scientific uncertainty resulting from the reallocation of unspecified landings (Tiers 4a and 4b);

9. Address the Council's directive to remove additional reductions proposed by the SSC to be applied to the SYL for ecologically important species; and

10. Address the summary report from the February/March 2018 SSC meeting.

This webinar meeting will be chaired by Dr. Richard Appeldoorn and moderated by Atty. Jocelyn D'Ambrosio.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 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

**RIN 0648-XG224**

#### 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 public hearing via webinar for Reef Fish Amendment 49—Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Procedure for the Reef Fish Fishery.

**DATES:** The webinar will take place on Thursday, May 31, 2018. The webinar will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude no later than 9 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place via webinar; see below for webinar link. 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:** Dr. Carrie M. Simmons, Deputy Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [carrie.simmons@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:carrie.simmons@gulfcouncil.org); telephone: (813) 348-1630.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Thursday, May 31, 2018; beginning at 6 p.m. and concluding no later than 9 p.m., EDT.*

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is holding a webinar public hearing to review Reef Fish Amendment 49: Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Procedure for the Reef Fish