

VIII. Recommendation

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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 Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

SUMMARY: The Council will hold a meeting of its SSC to review the revision assessments for Blueline Tilefish, Red Grouper, Black Sea Bass, and Vermilion Snapper conducted by NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) staff using the newly calibrated Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) catch estimates. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held via webinar on Monday, February 25, 2019, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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 Mike Errigo at the Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of the webinar.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Errigo; 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: mike.errigo@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is held to review the revision assessments for Blueline Tilefish, Red Grouper, Black Sea Bass, and Vermilion Snapper conducted by SEFSC staff using the newly calibrated MRIP catch estimates. The MRIP survey has undergone two major changes in recent years, both requiring calibration of the historic time series. In 2013 a change to

the Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS) was implemented, changing how catch information was collected. In 2015, MRIP implemented side by side surveys of both the existing telephone-based Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) and the new mail-based Fishing Effort Survey (FES). The FES was fully implemented in 2018, changing how effort data was collected. Calibrations models were developed, and peer reviewed for these two methodology changes and subsequently used to calibrate the original MRIP catch estimates, transforming them from the old APAIS/CHTS currency into the new APAIS/FES currency. The SEFSC replaced the MRIP data in four recent assessments (Blueline Tilefish, Red Grouper, Black Sea Bass, and Vermilion Snapper) with the newly calibrated MRIP estimates, reran the assessments and presented the results to the SSC at their October 15-17, 2018 meeting in Charleston, SC. At that time, the SSC felt they did not have enough information to provide an adequate review of these revision assessments and asked to meet at a later date when all the information they requested could be provided.

Items to be addressed during this meeting:

1. Review the revision assessments and recommend if they are best scientific information available and usable for management.
2. Discuss what impacts the revised data had on the measures of assessment uncertainty.
3. Identify any additional analyses or information necessary to support making fishing level recommendations at the next meeting.
4. Provide any other comments or recommendations as necessary.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other 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: February 11, 2019.

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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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of opportunities to submit public comments.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 2019 ocean salmon fisheries off the U.S. West Coast. This notice informs the public of opportunities to provide comments on the development of 2019 ocean salmon management measures.

DATES: Written comments on the salmon management alternatives adopted by the Pacific Council at its March 2019 meeting, as described in its Preseason Report II, received electronically or in hard copy by 5 p.m. Pacific Time, April 1, 2019, will be considered in the Pacific Council's final recommendation for the 2019 management measures.

ADDRESSES: Documents will be available from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384, and will be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>. You may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

- Written comments should be sent electronically to Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council, via the Pacific Council's E-Portal by visiting <https://pfmc.psmfc.org>.
- Comments can also be submitted to NMFS via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0128>, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. All comments received via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS and the Pacific Council will accept anonymous

comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

- *Mail:* Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384. Comments submitted by mail will be entered into the Pacific Council's E-Portal by Pacific Council Staff.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Ehlke, Pacific Council, telephone: 503-820-2280. For information on submitting comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking portal, contact Peggy Mundy, NMFS West Coast Region, telephone: 206-526-4323; email: peggy.mundy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pacific Council has announced the schedule of reports, public meetings, and hearings for the 2019 ocean salmon fisheries on its website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>). The Pacific Council will adopt alternatives for 2019 ocean salmon fisheries at its March 5-12, 2019, meeting at the Hilton, Vancouver, WA. Details of this meeting are available on the Pacific Council's website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>). On March 21, 2019, "Preseason Report II—Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2019 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>. The report will include a description of the salmon management alternatives and a summary of their biological and economic impacts. Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery management alternatives adopted by the Pacific Council. Written comments received at the public hearings and a summary of oral comments at the hearings will be provided to the Pacific Council at its April meeting.

All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- March 25, 2019: Chateau Westport, Beach Room, 710 West Hancock, Westport, WA 98595, telephone 360-268-9101.
- March 25, 2019: Red Lion Hotel, South Umpqua Room, 1313 North Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay, OR 97420, telephone 541-267-4141.
- March 26, 2019: Hampton Inn, Grand Ballroom, 1160 Airport Park Blvd., Ukiah, CA 95482, telephone 707-462-6555.

Comments on the alternatives the Pacific Council adopts at its March 2019 meeting, and described in its Preseason Report II, may be submitted in writing or electronically as described under

ADDRESSES, or verbally or in writing at any of the public hearings held on March 25-26, 2019, or at the Pacific Council's meeting, April 9-16, 2019, at the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma, in Rohnert Park, CA. Details of these meetings will be available on the Pacific Council's website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>) and will be published in the **Federal Register**. Written and electronically submitted comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Time, April 1, 2019, in order to be included in the briefing book for the April Council meeting where they will be considered in the adoption of the Pacific Council's final recommendation for the 2019 salmon fishery management measures. All comments received accordingly will be reviewed and considered by the Pacific Council and NMFS.

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Dated: February 11, 2019.

Karen H. Abrams,

Acting 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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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 one-day meeting of its Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EDT. For agenda details, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council office, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Matt Freeman, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; matt.freeman@gulfcouncil.org, telephone: (813) 348-1630. The Council's website, www.gulfcouncil.org also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and other materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible).

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Introductions of members, election of chair and vice chair, adoption of agenda, and approval of minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting. Staff will review the Plan of Work with the members. The advisory panel will discuss the Biological review of Texas closure; review the new stock assessments for brown, white and pink shrimp; and receive an update on shrimp catch, effort, Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE), turtle threshold update, and juvenile red snapper effort threshold. The AP will review Shrimp Amendment 18; and discuss Research Priority Review.

—Meeting Adjourns—

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the listen-in access by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the AP meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Gulf Council office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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