DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XH052

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting and hearing.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Hawaii Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Thursday, June 20, 2019, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. All times listed are local island times. For specific times and agendas, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP meeting will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019, 9 a.m.–12 Noon

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the last AP meeting and recommendations
3. Council Issues
   A. Kona Crab Fishery Annual Catch Limits
   B. Annual SAFE Report Updates
4. Hawaii Reports
   A. Community Report
   B. Education Report
   C. Island Report
   D. Legislative Report
5. Report on Hawaii Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel Plan
6. Hawaii AP Fishery Issues and Activities
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic, Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of an application for exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Dr. Glenn Parsons, University of Mississippi. If granted, the EFP would authorize the use of an experimental bycatch reduction device (BRD) in the shrimp trawl fishery in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf). The project would seek feedback on industry acceptance of the experimental BRD and provide informal comparisons between the experimental BRD and currently certified BRDs during normal shrimp trawl fishing operations.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 18, 2019.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: You may submit comments on the application, identified by “NOAA–NMFS–2019–0052” by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2019-0052, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Frank Helies, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.