

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tradewinds Island Resort, located at 5600 Gulf Boulevard, St. Petersburg Beach, FL; telephone: (727) 363-2215.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W. Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Muehlstein, Public Information Officer, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; *emily.muehlstein@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.)

**Wednesday, October 9, 2019; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Introductions of members, election of new chair, adoption of agenda, and approval of minutes from the May 2018 meeting summary. The committee will hear presentations on "Recreational Angler Perceptions Regarding the Use of Descending Devices in Southeast Reef Fish Fisheries" and "Barotrauma Mitigation and the Power of Subjective Norms in Florida's Reef Fish Fisheries." The committee will review and discuss Gulf-wide Outreach/Communications Strategies to Reduce Barotrauma in Recreational Fisheries; Highlight specific approaches for For-Hire and private fleets and identify specific influencers across the region (media, business, and community leaders). The Committee will review the Council's

new "Fishing for Our Future" best practices website and hear a presentation on the Gulf Council's Communications Analytics. The committee will discuss any Other Business items.

— 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 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.

Dated: September 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**

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427-8401; fax: (301) 713-0376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan (Permit Nos. 20430-01, 21476, and 22750) and Courtney Smith (Permit No. 21321-01); 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* and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Permit or amendment issuance date
20430-01 .....	0648-XE938	James Harvey, Ph.D., Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, 8272 Moss Landing Road, Moss Landing, CA 95039.	84 FR 30092; June 26, 2019.	August 27, 2019.
21321-01 .....	0648-XG047	Pacific Whale Foundation (Responsible Party: Stephanie Stack), 300 Ma'alaea Rd., Suite 211 Wailuku, HI 96793.	84 FR 26074; June 5, 2019.	August 27, 2019.
21476 .....	0648-XG853	Lars Bejder, Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 46-007 Lilipuna Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744.	84 FR 13908; April 8, 2019.	August 27, 2019.
22750 .....	0648-XG854	Rachel Cartwright, Ph.D., Keiki Kohola Project, 1330 Sabal Lakes Road, Delray Beach, FL 33445.	84 FR 15598; April 16, 2019.	August 27, 2019.

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 are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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: September 10, 2019.

**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–XV069**

#### 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 Scientific & Statistical 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, October 17, 2019, beginning at 10 a.m. and Friday, October 18, 2019, beginning at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; phone: (617) 567–6789.

*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 Scientific and Statistical Committee will:

Review recent stock assessment information from the 2017 Groundfish Management Track Assessments, information provided by the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) and recommend the overfishing levels and acceptable biological catch for Georges Bank (GB) cod, Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, GB haddock, GOM haddock, Cape Cod/GOM yellowtail flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, GB winter flounder, American plaice, witch flounder, pollock, white hake, Atlantic halibut, Northern windowpane flounder, and Southern windowpane flounder for fishing years 2020–21. They will also review the information provided by the Council's Scallop PDT and recommend the overfishing levels (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for Atlantic sea scallops for fishing years 2020–21 (default). Other business will be discussed as needed.

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. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded, consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. 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: September 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

**RIN 0648–XV068**

#### 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 Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council office.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Rindone, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; *ryan.rindone@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.

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**Wednesday, October 2, 2019; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

Introduction of members, adoption of agenda, and approval of minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting (webinar). Staff will review the Scope of Work; and, hold an election for the Chair and Vice Chair seats. The AP will receive presentations on SEDAR 61: Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper Stock Assessment and an update on SEDAR 49: Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper Itarget Assessment, along with the SSC Recommendations for Overfishing Limits (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for both; and, review the SEDAR 61 Executive Summary. The AP will receive updates on Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Expansion: Sanctuary Plan and Comments; Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion; and, the progress for Coral Amendment 9.

The AP will review draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack