

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is for the EOP Committee to review the draft MAFMC Aquaculture Policy and Aquaculture in the Mid-Atlantic Region background document and to make recommendations for Council approval of the policy document.

### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 14, 2022.

**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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#### Determination of Overfishing or an Overfished Condition

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has found that South Atlantic blueline tilefish is now subject to overfishing; Georges Bank Atlantic cod is still overfished; and Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod is still subject to overfishing and still overfished. NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, notifies the appropriate regional fishery management council (Council) whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathryn Frens, (301) 427-8523.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 304(e)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, must notify Councils, and publish a notice in the **Federal Register**, whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing,

overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

NMFS has determined that South Atlantic blueline tilefish is now subject to overfishing. Blueline tilefish was not assessed in 2021, and catch data from 2020 support a determination that this stock is subject to overfishing because the catch exceeded the threshold. NMFS has notified the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council of the requirement to end and prevent overfishing on this stock.

NMFS has determined that Georges Bank Atlantic cod is still overfished, and that Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod is still subject to overfishing and still overfished. The Georges Bank Atlantic cod determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2021 using commercial fishery catch data through 2020 and updated research survey indices of abundance through spring 2021. The assessment cannot quantitatively determine overfished or overfishing status, but the poor condition of the stock qualitatively indicates that it remains overfished. The Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2021 using data through 2019, which indicate that the stock is subject to overfishing because the fishing mortality rate is above the threshold, and overfished because the biomass is below the threshold. NMFS continues to work with the New England Fishery Management Council to end overfishing on Gulf of Maine Atlantic cod and to rebuild both of these stocks.

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**Kelly Denit,**

*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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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; 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 76 South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Data Scoping Webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 76 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of black sea

bass will consist of a series of assessment webinars. A SEDAR 76 Data Scoping Webinar is scheduled for May 11, 2022. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 76 South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Data Scoping Webinar has been scheduled for May 11, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eastern. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Meeting address:** The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Registration for the webinar is available by contacting the SEDAR coordinator via email at [Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net](mailto:Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net).

**SEDAR address:** South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; [www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Howington, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4371; email: [Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net](mailto:Kathleen.Howington@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 three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary document 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, Highly Migratory Species 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 non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion at the SEDAR 76 South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Data Scoping Webinar are as follows: Discuss available data resources, points of contact, data delivery deadlines, and any known data issues.

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 this meeting. 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**[RTID 0648-XB955]**

##### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of seminar series presentation via webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will host a webinar presentation on managing a multispecies fishery with management complexities similar to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan.

**DATES:** The webinar presentation will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The presentation will be provided via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Information, including a link to webinar registration will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/other-meetings/> as it becomes available.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8439 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of a continuing informational webinar series, the Council will host a presentation from the Pacific Fishery Management Council on management of groundfish species, including more than 65 rock fish species; flatfish, such as petrale sole and Dover sole; and roundfish, such as sablefish and Pacific whiting (hake). Management of the Pacific groundfish fishery has addressed issues similar to those identified in managing the multi-species Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Complex within the South Atlantic region. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. The presentation is for informational purposes only and no management actions will be taken.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**[RTID 0648-XB953]**

##### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application submitted by Full Share Inc. contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 5, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by the following method:

• *Email:* [nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov).

Include in the subject line "Finestkind Filming EFP."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Travis Ford, Fishery Policy Analyst, [travis.ford@noaa.gov](mailto:travis.ford@noaa.gov), (978) 281-9233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Full Share, Inc. submitted a complete application for an EFP to enable filming and documentation of commercial fishing activities for a motion picture, currently titled "Finestkind." This EFP would exempt the participating vessel from: The minimum shell height requirement at 50 CFR 648.14(i)(2)(i) and 648.50(a); the in-shell possession limit inside vessel monitoring system (VMS) demarcation line at §§ 648.14(i)(2)(iii)(B) and 648.52(e); the crew size restrictions at § 648.51(c); the day-at-sea requirements at § 648.53(b); the requirements of the Northern Gulf of Maine Management Program at § 648.62; and minimum size and possession