

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The St. Croix EEZ Working Group will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Current Regulations EEZ off St. Croix—Graciela Garcia-Moliner
3. USVI Current Fishery Regulations—William Tobias
4. Buck Island Reef National Monument Presentation—Joel Tutein
5. Other Business

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 30, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082906E]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Monkfish Oversight Committee in September, 2006 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: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, One Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 734-9600; fax: (401) 734-9700.
Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review the Monkfish Plan Development Team's (PDT) analysis of target total allowable catch (TAC) alternatives and associated trip limits and days-at-sea (DAS) alternatives for consideration in Framework Adjustment 4. The Committee may propose eliminating some alternatives but will withhold making final recommendations until the next meeting, which will be held following an Advisory Panel meeting and prior to the November 6-8 New England Council meeting. The Committee will also review and complete development of other alternatives proposed for consideration in Framework Adjustment 4, including, but not limited to: eliminating the directed fishery; requiring vessels to install vessel monitoring systems (VMS) and to use the VMS to report daily catch information; backstop provisions to ensure that management measures achieve the target TACs on an ongoing basis; modification or elimination of the DAS carryover provision; and modification of the boundary of the North Carolina/Virginia area monkfish fishery.

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 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

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

Dated: August 30, 2006.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Announcement of South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Revised Management Plan

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of approval and availability of the final revised management plan for the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce has approved the revised management plan for the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (Reserve).

The Reserve was designated in 1974 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461 and has been operating under the management plan revised in 1994. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement for the period from 2006-2011 and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve.

The mission of the South Slough reserve management plan is to improve the understanding and stewardship of Pacific Northwest estuaries and coastal watersheds through site-based estuarine research, stewardship and education. The management plan identifies nine priority management issues that are addressed through reserve programs. These priority issues are (1) invasive species, (2) water pollution, (3) threatened and endangered species, (4) commercial oyster cultivation, (5) vegetation and sediment management, (6) forest management and fire, (7) harvests of secondary forest products, (8) disaster prevention and response, and (9) archeological artifacts and historic structures. South Slough reserve's management plan addresses these issues with specific programs for resource management and protection, research and monitoring, education and training, public access and visitor use, program administration, and partnerships and regional coordination.

The plan identifies management goals, priority resource management issues or threats that these goals must address, and specific strategies to accomplish these goals. The resource management and protection program addresses issues such as developing a systematic process to assess ecological health of the reserve, implementing resource management strategies, developing land use policies on the reserve, implementing the reserve Cooperative Plan for Watershed Conservation, assisting with the revision of the trail master plan, enhancing the application of GIS to stewardship priorities, improving restoration monitoring capacity, and enhancing community involvement in coastal stewardship.

The research and monitoring program supports research focused on estuarine ecology and assessments of functional biotic diversity, investigation of links between land-margin ecosystem elements, and evaluation of the effects of human disturbance within estuaries. Staff, graduate students, and visiting researchers conduct monitoring and research within the watersheds and boundaries of the reserve and use GIS to map critical habitats and hydrology and hydrodynamic processes.

The education and training program at the reserve targets audiences of all ages and backgrounds for traditional, experiential, training and outreach opportunities. The education program is also upgrading and expanding the Reserve's exhibitry to better interpret scientific data collected by the research program, enhancing methods to engage middle and high school audiences, evaluate program offerings, implement a school-to-work educational experience, update information for visitors, and enhance program participation.

The coastal Training Program will focus on identifying the needs of coastal decision makers (CDM's), conducting training workshops for CDM's, testing and adapting an Inquiry-Based Information Services model to identify information gaps and develop demonstration projects, conducting evaluations to measure the effectiveness of training and outreach programs, and developing an internet-based training and information program for CDM's.

The public access and facilities priorities at the reserve includes assessing opportunities to enhance access to the southern end of the reserve, establishing a visitor center/office in Charleston, revising the facilities master plan, establishing a facilities maintenance and replacement schedule, and reducing operations costs through innovative energy oriented

technologies. Visitor use policies are designed to provide for compatible use and protection of valuable natural resources.

The administration program ensures the staffing and budget is adequate to carry out the goals and objectives of the plan. Situated within its parent agency, Oregon Department of State Lands, the administrative staff develops stable funding and grant match opportunities and manages grants and cooperative agreements effectively and efficiently. Priorities include developing a volunteer program, a communication plan, a plan to enhance information and communication technology, evaluating the need to revise the reserve's Administrative Rules, and developing facility use policies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nina Garfield at (301) 563-1171 or Kate Barba, Acting Chief, Estuarine Reserves Division at (301) 563-1182 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Dated: August 29, 2005.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice; Information collection 3038-0031, Procurement Contracts.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden; it includes the actual data collection instruments [if any].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven A. Grossman at CFTC, (202) 418-5192; fax: (202) 418-5529; e-mail: sgrossman@cftc.gov and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Procurement Contracts, OMB Control No. 3038-0031. This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information collection consists of procurement activities relating to solicitations, amendment to solicitations, requests for quotations, construction contracts, awards of contracts, performance bonds, and payment information for individuals (vendors) or contractors engaged in providing supplies or services.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 26, 2006 (71 FR 36328).

Burden statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response. This estimate includes the time needed to review instructions, develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 182.

Estimated number of responses: 182.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 364 hours.

Frequency of collection: annually.

Send comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the addresses listed below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0031 in any correspondence.

Steven A. Grossman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Office for CFTC, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503.

Issued in Washington, DC on August 29, 2006.

Eileen A. Donovan,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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