

vermillion snapper is unknown); and the red porgy stock is recovering as planned, indicating the rebuilding schedule approved for that stock in FMP Amendment 12 would support a moderate harvest increase.

It is anticipated that management actions proposed in FMP Amendment 13B will not be implemented until 2007. The Council decided at its June 2005 Council meeting to consider management actions for these five recently assessed stocks in a regulatory amendment as the most practical avenue to address necessary management measures. Regulatory amendments differ from FMP amendments in that they allow the Council to implement specific regulations through abbreviated rulemaking. The FMP outlines the actions that may be implemented and/or adjusted using this regulatory framework process.

This NOI is intended to inform the public that management actions previously considered in FMP Amendment 13B for select stocks are being developed in a regulatory amendment. Proposed actions in this regulatory amendment would address overfishing of black sea bass, vermillion snapper, golden tilefish, and snowy grouper, and increase red porgy harvest to a level supported by the approved rebuilding schedule for that stock. Management measures currently being evaluated for the commercial sector in this DEIS include new or adjusted: catch quotas, size limits, trip limits, seasonal closures, fishing year start dates, and gear restrictions. Management measures currently being evaluated for the recreational sector include new or adjusted: catch allocations, bag limits, size limits, and seasonal closures.

The Council will continue to work on FMP Amendment 13B while preparing the regulatory amendment. Management actions still being considered in FMP Amendment 13B would: redefine, divide into multispecies units, and identify indicator species within the snapper grouper fishery management unit; review and define, as needed, management reference points for snapper grouper stocks; review and define, as needed, rebuilding schedules and strategies for overfished stocks; reduce directed and incidental fishing mortality on select species through new or adjusted catch quotas, seasonal closures, size limits, and/or bag limits; and change permit renewal and transferability provisions. Amendment 13B also will include a bycatch practicability analysis. The full suite of alternatives currently being considered in the regulatory amendment can be

obtained from the Council (see ADDRESSES for contact information). The DEIS and/or final EIS (FEIS) associated with this amendment may include additional management measures identified during the public comment processes.

A **Federal Register** notice will announce the availability of the DEIS associated with this amendment, as well as the 45-day public comment period, pursuant to regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and to NOAA Administrative Order 216-6. NMFS and the Council will consider public comments received on the DEIS in developing the FEIS. NMFS will announce in the **Federal Register** the availability of the FEIS for public review and will consider all public comments prior to final agency action to approve, disapprove, or partially approve the amendment.

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

Dated: July 21, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) was established by the Secretary of Commerce to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, its amendments, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

DATE AND TIME: The meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, August 19, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The New England Center, 15 Stafford Avenue, University of New Hampshire (UNH), Durham, New Hampshire 03824; Telephone: 603-862-2801. The times and agenda topics are

subject to change. Refer to the Web site listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The meeting will be open to public participation for verbal comments and questions at the end of the day on August 18 and 19, 2005, with a 30-minute period that will be extended if needed. Each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 30 copies) should be submitted to the DFO by August 12, 2005. Written comments received by the HSRP DFO after August 12, 2005, will be distributed to the HSRP, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately 40 seats will be available for the public, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters To Be Considered: Topics planned for discussion include: (1) Workgroup Reports and Proposed Recommendations on: NOAA Hydrographic Surveying Cost Analysis, National Ocean Service Mapping and Charting Contracting Policy and Expansion Strategy, NOAA Hydrographic Service User Requirements, NOAA Hydrographic Services' Role in the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), and Suggested Revisions to the Reauthorization of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, (2) Overview and Government Perspectives on NOAA Contracting Strategies, (3) Emerging Technologies and Educational Curriculum in Surveying, Analysis and Data Processing through NOAA's Joint Hydrographic Center at UNH, (4) Progress Report on IOOS Development, (5) NOAA Electronic Navigational Chart Data Encryption Policy and (6) Public Statements.

Dated: July 19, 2005.

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NOAA, Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
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