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Dated: February 25, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP).

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Chateau LeMoyne, 301 Rue Dauphine, New Orleans, LA 70112; telephone: 1-800-747-3279.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 North U.S. Highway 301, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The LEAP will convene to review possible changes to the NMFS 2005 commercial shark fishing seasons. The LEAP will also review scoping documents that would potentially limit access in the commercial king mackerel and reef fish fisheries to replace the existing moratoria. A scoping document that would potentially allow marine aquaculture will also be reviewed along with a scoping document to potentially extend the existing moratorium on the issuance of new charter vessel permits. The LEAP will also review draft amendments that would establish rebuilding plans for red snapper and vermilion snapper in the Gulf, and scoping options for a variety of management measures pertaining to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan.

The LEAP consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf

states as well as NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and NOAA General Counsel. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the LEAP 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 meetings. Actions of the LEAP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Trish Kennedy at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 9, 2004.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

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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

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Research Set Aside (RSA) Committee, Executive Committee, and Fisheries Issues Focus Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, March 16, through Thursday, March 18, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Shell Island Resort Hotel, 2700 N. Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach, NC; telephone: 910-256-8696.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

10 a.m. until noon The Council will tour a local area Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Mariculture Facility.

1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Research Set Aside Committee will meet.

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet.

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a New England Council Scoping Hearing on its Omnibus Essential Fishing Habitat (EFH) Amendment.

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Fisheries Issues Focus Committee will meet.

10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The Council will meet.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Council will visit the Wrightsville Beach U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Station.

Thursday, March 18, 2004

8 a.m. until noon The Council will meet.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: Describe and discuss the RSA program and 2005 Request for Proposal (RFP), review RSA grants review/approval process, discuss possible RSA program improvements, discuss how the RSA program should be incorporated into NMFS science and management programs; Review the Council's selection criteria for industry advisors, and address future committee items; Discuss how slot sizes may be used in recreational fisheries, address using market forces to mitigate impacts of restrictive fishery regulations, discuss Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (MRFSS) Program and its implications for future, review and discuss Council's October 2003 action regarding summer flounder petition; Review Framework 5 options regarding multi-year setting of specifications for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass; Receive a presentation on seafood labeling and an overview of current USCG operations and issues; the Council will also receive and discuss organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting, the South