

conduct the hunt. The full quota of whales was taken.

Authorization

BP complied with the requirements of the 2006 LOA, and NMFS has determined that the marine mammal take resulting from the 2006 construction and operation activities is within that analyzed in and anticipated by the associated regulations. Accordingly, NMFS has issued a 1-year LOA to BP, authorizing the taking of marine mammals incidental to oil production operations at the Northstar offshore facility in state and Federal waters in the U.S. Beaufort Sea. Issuance of this LOA is based on findings described in the preamble to the final rule (71 FR 11314, March 7, 2006) and supported by information contained in BP's 2006 annual report that the activities described in the LOA will result in the taking of no more than small numbers of bowhead whales, beluga whales, ringed seals, and, possibly California gray whales, bearded seals, and spotted seals and that the total taking will have a negligible impact on these marine mammal stocks and would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these species or stocks for taking for subsistence uses.

Dated: July 6, 2007.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Closed Session conference call.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its SEDAR Selection Committee via Conference Call to select appointees to the SEDAR 16 King Mackerel workshops for recommendation to the Council in a closed session conference call on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 2 p.m. EDT. The Committee recommendations will be presented to the Council at the July 30 - August 2, 2007 Council meeting in San Antonio, TX.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 9, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

8:35 a.m. - The Council meeting will begin with a review the agenda and minutes;

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - NMFS Proposed Shark Regulations;

9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any, Open Public Comment Period regarding any fishery issue or concern. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

The Council will review and discuss reports from the previous two days' committee meetings as follows:

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Reef Fish Management;

3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum;

4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Red Drum Management;

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Administrative Policy;

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - NOAA Fisheries Service and Gulf Council staff will hold an open public forum/question and answer session on Gulf Reef Fish. This forum, while not a public hearing, will provide the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss Gulf Reef Fish science and management issues in a less formal setting. The forum is intended to increase dialogue between constituents and fishery managers.

Thursday, August 2, 2007

The Council will continue to review and discuss reports from the committee meetings as follows:

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. - Report of the Closed Council Session on (Southeast Data and Review (SEDAR);

8:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. - The Council will conclude its meeting by discussing Other Business items.

Committees

Monday, July 30, 2007.

1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to discuss the Public Hearing Draft for Reef Fish Amendment 30 A for Gray Triggerfish/Greater Amberjack, Public Hearing Schedule, Advisory Panel (AP)/Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Schedule and Committee Action; Options Paper for Reef Fish Amendment

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

XRIN: 0648-XB35

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Closed Session SEDAR (Southeast Data and Review) Selection Committee Conference Call.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its SEDAR Selection Committee via Conference Call to select appointees to the SEDAR 16 King Mackerel workshops for recommendation to the Council.

DATES: The Conference Call will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, from 2 p.m. EDT to 3 p.m. EDT.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

XRIN: 0648-XB36

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 30 - August 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the El Tropicano Riverwalk, 110 Lexington Ave., San Antonio, TX 78205; telephone: (210) 223-9461.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203