

an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the January 5, 2007, final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Louisiana Regional Restoration Planning Program (RRP Program). The ROD has been written pursuant to § 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR part 1505.2), and the NOAA Administrative Order on implementing environmental review procedures (NAO 216-6). The ROD is a concise statement of the management planning and environmental impact analysis process completed, the alternatives considered, and the basis for the selection of preferred alternative. The notice of availability for the final PEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 5, 2007, with the close of the mandatory waiting period on February 20, 2007. No comments were received on the final PEIS.

It is the decision of the NOAA, along with the Department of the Interior and the State of Louisiana, to implement the Louisiana RRP Program using the methods evaluated in the PEIS. Because the analysis is programmatic in nature, site and injury-specific features will dictate which restoration alternatives are most appropriate for individual injuries. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the RRP Program alternative selected have been adopted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Questions regarding the PEIS and ROD and requests for copies of these documents should be addressed to either: Karolien Debusschere, Deputy Coordinator, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Office of the Governor, 150 Third Street, Suite 405, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70801; 225/219-5800; *e-mail address:* Karolien.Debusschere@la.gov, or Tony Penn, Southeast Branch Chief, NOAA, Assessment and Restoration Division, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC #4, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910; fax number 301/713-4387; *e-mail address:* Tony.Penn@noaa.gov.

The PEIS and Record of Decision are available via the Internet at <http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/southeast/rrpp-la/> and http://www.losco.state.la.us/admin/RRP/RRPprogram_view.asp.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[XRIN: 0648-XA49]

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 Whiting Advisory Panel, in June, 2007, 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 Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 831-3900; fax: (401) 751-0007.

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 Advisory Panel role and responsibilities, elect Advisory Panel Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The committee will also review management measures and alternatives under consideration in an amendment to the Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP to address small mesh multispecies (whiting, red hake, offshore hake). The committee will develop Advisory Panel comments and recommendations regarding small mesh multispecies management measures and alternatives under consideration, including: optimum yield (OY) specifications, total allowable catches (TACs); a limited access program for the small mesh multispecies fishery; measures to address historical fisheries; and possession limits for small mesh multispecies and other management measures that may be considered.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[XRIN: 0648-XA51]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Informational Meeting.

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

ACTION: Notice of a public informational meeting.

SUMMARY: Trans-Boundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC) Industry/Science Data Exchange Meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (508) 991-6279.

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:

Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan adopted a system to coordinate the management of trans-boundary stocks of cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder with Canada. As part of that system, each year, the Trans-Boundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC)

conducts assessments of Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. These assessments provide the scientific advice used to determine management measures (including Total Allowable Catches, or TACs) for the U.S./Canada fishing area (see 50 CFR 648.85(a)). The TRAC is scheduled for June 12–15, 2007 in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada.

Items for discussion at this meeting:

1. Northeast Fisheries Science Center assessment biologists will brief the public on the catches (landings and discards) and survey data that will be used in the 2007 assessments of Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.

2. Fishermen are encouraged to attend and provide their observations on fishing for cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder on Georges Bank in calendar year 2006.

Assessment results will not be presented because the assessment will not be completed until the following week.

Discussion will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

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Special Accommodations

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Standard Operations, Policy, and Procedures (SOPPs) Committee, Economics Committee, Personnel Committee (Closed Session), Snapper Grouper Committee, Shrimp Committee, Mackerel Committee, Joint Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel and Committee, Limited Access Privilege (LAP) Program Committee, Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-based Management Committees, Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Committee, Joint Executive and Finance Committees, and a meeting of the full Council. The Council will also hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), including subcommittee meetings of the SSC's Biological Subcommittee and Socio-Economics Subcommittee. Public comment will be taken concerning agenda items for the SSC meetings. In addition, the Council will hold a meeting of the LAP Program Exploratory Workgroup, a public comment session regarding a request by the Bluewater Fishermen's Association for an Exempted Fishery Permit for longline vessels, and a public comment session regarding approval of Amendment 14 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan to establish a series of marine protected areas in the South Atlantic Region.

DATES: The meeting will be held in June 2007. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort, 3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL, 33040; telephone: (1-800) 222-8733 or (305) 293-1818.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting: June 10, 2007, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.; June 11, 2007 from 10:15 a.m. until 3 p.m.; and June 12, 2007, 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The SSC Biological Subcommittee and SSC Socio-Economics Committee will meet in concurrent sessions on Sunday, June 10, 2007, 5:15 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.; June 11, 2007, 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The SSC will receive overviews and updates, discuss, and provide recommendations to the Council regarding, but not limited to, the following agenda items: the role of the SSC under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA), the SEDAR stock assessment for gag grouper, the SEDAR stock assessment update for vermilion snapper, Amendment 15 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Amendment 18 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic, a scoping document for Amendment 19 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic, a research plan required by the MSRA, and a NMFS comparison of electronic and paper logbooks versus state trip ticket data.

With the exception of the role of the SSC under the MSRA, the SSC Biological Subcommittee and the SSC Socio-Economics Subcommittee will review the same agenda items and provide recommendations to the full SSC for consideration.

Amendment 15 to the Snapper Grouper FMP addresses rebuilding plans for black sea bass, snowy grouper and red porgy as well as reductions in bycatch for deepwater snapper grouper species, recreational sale, black sea bass tags and pots, permit renewals, and other actions. Amendment 18 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic addresses reductions in the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Atlantic migratory group king and Spanish mackerel, and changes in trip limits for Spanish mackerel. Amendment 19, currently approved by the South Atlantic Council as a scoping document, would separate the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagics between the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and address boundary and permit issues associated