

specified by the Department. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Parties submitting case and/or rebuttal briefs are requested to provide the Department copies of the public version on disk. Case and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f). Also, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may request a public hearing on arguments to be raised in the case and rebuttal briefs. Unless the Secretary specifies otherwise, the hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the date for submission of rebuttal briefs, that is, 37 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results.

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii), are due. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of arguments made in any case or rebuttal briefs.

This administrative review is issued and published in accordance with section 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 8, 2006.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Impacts of Research on Steller Sea Lions and Northern Fur Seals Throughout Their Range in the United States

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statement; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 28, 2005, the NMFS announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the environmental impacts of administering grants and issuing permits to facilitate research on endangered and threatened Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) and depleted northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*). Written comments were due by February 13, 2006. NMFS has decided to allow additional time for submission of public comments on this action.

DATES: The public comment period for this action has been extended from February 13 to February 25, 2006. Written comments must be postmarked by February 25, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: Steve Leathery, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226. Written comments may also be submitted by facsimile to 301-427-2583, or by e-mail at ssleis.comments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Andrew Wright at 301-713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 28, 2005 (70 FR 76780) NMFS announced its intent to prepare an EIS regarding Steller sea lion and northern fur seal research. Background information concerning the EIS can be found in the December 28, 2005, **Federal Register** notice and is not repeated here. For additional information about Steller sea lions, northern fur seals, the permit process, and this EIS, please visit the project website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/steller.htm>.

Dated: February 9, 2006.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2006, and conclude no later than 12 noon on Friday, March 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel Tampa, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33609.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Assane Diagne, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) to discuss total allowable catch (TAC) allocation issues. The SEP will prepare a report containing their conclusions and recommendations. This report will be presented to the Council at its meeting March 20-23, 2006 at the Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel in Mobile, AL.

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SEP 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 meeting. Actions of the SEP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: February 10, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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