

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments from the date of publication of this notice through June 14, 2006. Comments can be written or sent electronically. All written comments must be legible and postmarked by June 14, 2006. Written comments should be sent to Eric Holloway, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 2806, Washington, DC 20230. Electronic comments should be sent to eric.holloway@mail.doc.gov. All written and electronic comments should include your name, title, and company or organization affiliation.

Public Meeting

A public meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 on June 13, 2006. If you would like to attend this meeting please respond electronically to Eric Holloway at eric.holloway@mail.doc.gov by June 9, 2006. Please include your name, title, company or organization affiliation, telephone number, and electronic mail address when responding. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please note this fact when responding to attend the public meeting. Non-U.S. citizens are required to supply the following additional information: full name, nationality, date of birth, and passport identification number.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 051706C]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on June 5-8, 2006.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33607

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Council**

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

8:30 a.m. - Convene.

8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Hear a report on the Implications of the National Research Council (NRC) Review of Recreational Data Collection.

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Receive public testimony on exempted fishing permits (if any).

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Open public comment period regarding any fishery issue or concern.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Hear a report on the Coastal Ocean Observing System.

1 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Receive the Administrative Policy Committee Report.

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Receive the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee Report.

2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Committees Report.

4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Receive the Southeast Data Assessment and Review Panel (SEDAR) Selection Committee Report and select persons to serve on the SEDAR 12 panels (CLOSED SESSION).

4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Hold the AP Selection Committee/Council meeting in CLOSED SESSION to review fishery violations.

Thursday, June 8, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Continue with the Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Committees Report.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Publicly report the Council action on the SEDAR Committee and AP Selection Committee/Council sessions.

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Committees Report.

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Receive the Shrimp Committee Report.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Receive the Reef Fish Committee Report.

11:30 a.m. - 12 noon - Other Business (Includes miscellaneous reports filed under Tabs O, P, Q, and R of briefing book).

Committee

Monday, June 5, 2006

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will meet to review

the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures' (SOPPs) provisions on the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) operations; review the proposed NMFS Operating Agreement for Regulatory Streamlining; and hear a presentation on the draft Council communications plan.

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will review and comment on Congressional bills on the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 12 noon - The Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committees will receive a report on the decline in effort for selected recreational fisheries; and receive a report on the Ad Hoc Shrimp Effort Work Group. The Committees will also review a Partial Draft Joint Reef Fish 27/Shrimp 14 Amendment. This Amendment considers changes to regulations for the directed red snapper fishery, alternatives to reduce bycatch in the directed red snapper fishery and shrimp fishery, and alternatives to limit effort in the shrimp fishery.

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - The Shrimp Management Committee will receive a report on the near-shore areas where juvenile red snapper congregate. The Committee will also review the Draft Options Paper for Shrimp Amendment 15 that considers limits on trawling gear, restrictions on the transfer of vessel permits, bycatch quotas, and possible time/area closures.

2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Committees will receive a presentation on the siting of aquaculture facilities and an update on actions for drafting the Generic Amendment for Regulating Offshore Aquaculture. The Committee will also hear a report on Florida's Best Management Practices for Net Pens.

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will receive a report of the Ad Hoc Grouper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Advisory Panel (AP) and a report on the status of the Grouper Allocation Amendment. The Committee will also review a report on the implications of the SEDAR 9 stock assessment to the stocks of greater amberjack, vermilion snapper, and gray triggerfish. The Committee will also approve the Red Snapper IFQ outreach workshops for the IFQ program.

The committee reports will be presented to the Council for consideration on Wednesday and Thursday, June 7-8.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees 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. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051706D]

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 Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Committee Meeting in June, 2006 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 Tuesday, June 6, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 337-8677.

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 and recommend for Council consideration essential fish habitat (EFH) designation alternatives for inclusion in Phase 1 of the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2 for all Council-managed species (with the exception of Atlantic Salmon). The committee will also review and recommend for Council consideration a prey species identification section for inclusion in Phase 1 of the EFH omnibus Amendment 2 for all Council-managed species (with the exception of Atlantic Salmon). In addition, the committee will discuss and consider topics covered at the May 8, 2006 Habitat Advisory panel meeting. Other topics may be covered at the committee's discretion.

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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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.*

Dated: May 17, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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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North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings/hearing in Kodiak, AK.

DATES: The meetings will be held on June 5, 2006 through June 13, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations of meetings/hearing.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, continuing through June 13, 2006. The Council will hold a Groundfish Rationalization Public Hearing on June 6, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, June 5 and continue through Saturday June 10, 2006. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 5 and continue through Wednesday, June 7, 2006. The Enforcement Committee will meet Monday, June 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Harbor Room. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions.

The meetings/hearing will be held at the following locations:

Council meeting address: Westmark Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive, Harbor Room, Kodiak, AK.

AP meeting address: Elks Club, 102 Marine Way, Kodiak, AK.

SSC meeting address: Fishermen's Hall, 503 Marine Way, Kodiak, AK.

Public hearing address: Kodiak Island Borough School District, 722 Mill Bay Road, Commons A&B, Kodiak, AK.

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.