

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings of the Shark and Oceanic Migratory Species Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) and Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and Billfish Advisory Panels (APs) to review potential issues for NOAA Fisheries Highly Migratory Species Division action on August 23–24, 2004.

DATES: The Council's Special Shark and Special Oceanic Migratory Species Scientific and Statistical Committees will convene jointly at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 23, 2004. The Highly Migratory Species and Billfish Advisory Panels will convene jointly at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 2225 North Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813–877–6688.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, or Mr. Stu Kennedy, Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813–228–2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At each of these meetings, a representative from the NOAA Fisheries Highly Migratory Species Division will present a summary of issues and options for Amendment 2 to the HMS and Billfish Fishery Management Plans, which is currently in its initial scoping phase. The issues and options include a wide range of potential management measures that could affect fishermen, dealers, or equipment suppliers for the Atlantic tuna, swordfish, shark, or billfish fisheries. Some of the issues and potential options for which NOAA Fisheries is requesting comment include, but are not limited to: modifying the General category allocation of Bluefin tuna; filleting Atlantic tuna at sea; modifying the swordfish bag limit for anglers; changing the large coastal shark trip limit for directed permit holders; streamlining the limited access permit program; simplifying the quota and permitting administrative processes for exempted fishing permits; modifying non-tournament reporting of billfish harvest; establishing outreach workshops; implementing the bycatch reduction plan; green stick and/or spearfishing as allowable gears for HMS

fisheries; and updating essential fish habitat identifications and data for all HMS.

The joint Shark/Oceanic Migratory Species SSC and the joint HMS/Billfish AP will provide recommendations to the Council on issues and alternatives that should be included in the amendment. The Council will review the SSC and AP recommendations at its September 13–17, 2004 meeting in Panama City Beach, FL, at which time it will make its recommendations to the NOAA Fisheries HMS Division.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils that were established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council prepares fishery management plans that are designed to manage fishery resources in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. Although the Council does not manage highly migratory species, it does provide recommendations to the NMFS HMS Division on management measures that affect fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico.

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 identified 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 Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 13, 2004.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

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

[I.D. 072904D]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Oversight Committee and Herring Advisory Panel in August and September, 2004 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on August 20, 2004 and September 7, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Portland, ME and Peabody, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

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:**Meeting Dates and Agendas**

Friday, August 20, 2004 at 10 a.m.
Herring Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775–2311.

The advisory panel will discuss development and packaging of alternatives for consideration in Amendment 1 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan. They will review limited access alternatives proposed in Amendment 1 and develop preliminary Advisory Panel recommendations regarding the packaging of alternatives for Amendment 1, including possible elimination of some alternatives/options. Also on the agenda will be the review of the Amendment 1 timeline and process for completing the alternatives and analyses.

Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The committee will discuss whether to initiate a framework action to adjust open area days at sea allocations in 2005, to change measures to monitor or control fishing activity by vessels holding general category scallop permits, and to require potential new sea turtle protection measures and actions to address other management concerns as necessary. The Plan Development Team will also provide management advice about how the Council should respond to the recent stock assessment, which found that overfishing was occurring on the sea scallop resource. The committee may also discuss long-term planning issues for the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, the next regular framework adjustment for the 2006 fishing year, and possibly future plan amendments.

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Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 dates.

Dated: July 30, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a joint public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Information and Education Committee and Information and Education Advisory Panel in Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meeting will take place August 24-26, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 678 Citadel Haven Drive, Charleston, SC 29414; telephone: 843/573-1200 or toll free 800/426-7866.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; fax: 843/769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Information and Education Committee will meet jointly with the Advisory Panel from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on August 24, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on August 25, 2004, and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on August 26, 2004.

The Information and Education Committee and Advisory Panel will meet jointly to review and discuss issues relative to outreach and public affairs. During the joint meeting, the Committee and Advisory Panel will review and discuss options and develop recommendations to the Council regarding the following: the Council's current Web site design, content, and hosting; an outreach strategy for the Oculina Bank Experimental Closed Area off the central East Coast of Florida; and outreach efforts relevant to the Council's Action Plan for Ecosystem-Based Management. In addition, the Committee and Advisory Panel will review the current regulations brochure and develop recommendations for options regarding design and distribution of the brochure.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: July 30, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for issuance and renewal and modification of scientific research/enhancement permits and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA Fisheries has received applications to renew and modify permits from Bureau of Reclamation, Weaverville, CA (Permit 1072) and Bureau of Land Management, Arcata, CA (Permit 1088), and to issue a new Permit to Humboldt State University Foundation, Institute for River Ecosystems (1283). These permits would affect any or all of three Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of salmonids identified in the Supplementary Information section. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NOAA Fisheries.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Daylight Savings Time on September 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of these requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via facsimile to the number indicated for the request. Comments will be accepted if submitted via e-mail at FRNpermits.ar@noaa.gov. Email comments must have the permit number in the subject line. The applications and