

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 27, 2004, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which deal with discussion of sensitive budget and planning information that would cause harm to third parties if publicly shared be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

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Hratch G. Semerjian,
Acting Director.

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

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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 meeting.

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

DATES: The meetings will be held March 7-10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at The Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.228.2815.

Council

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

8:30 a.m. Convene.

8:45 a.m.-10 a.m.-Receive public testimony on (a) Final Shrimp Amendment 13/EA and (b) Exempted fishing permits (if any).

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-Receive report on Atlantic Sea Turtle Strategy by NMFS.

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.-Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

1:30 p.m.-2 p.m.-Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.-Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committee Report.

2:30 p.m.-3 p.m.-Receive the Administrative Policy Committee Report.

3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.-Receive the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee Report.

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.-Receive the Migratory Species Committee Report.

4 p.m.-5 p.m.-Receive the AP Selection Committee Report (CLOSED SESSION).

5 p.m.-5:30 p.m.-Receive the SSC Selection Committee Report (CLOSED SESSION).

Thursday, March 10, 2005

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.-Receive the AP Selection Committee Report.

8:45 a.m.-9 a.m.-Receive the SSC Selection Committee Report.

9 a.m.-9:15 a.m.-Receive the Honolulu Meeting Report.

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.-Receive Enforcement Reports.

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.-Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's report.

9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.-Receive Director's Reports.

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-Other Business.

Committee

Monday, March 7, 2005

8 a.m.-10 a.m.-The Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee will meet in closed session to appoint AP members.

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.-The Scientific and Statistical (SSC) Selection Committee will meet in closed session to appoint SSC members.

1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.-The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to review Draft Reef Fish Amendment 18A, which addresses the grouper fishery. The Committee will review a revised draft of a red grouper regulatory amendment providing for commercial vessel trip limits and a revised total allowable catch (TAC). The Committee will then discuss an Options Paper for Reef Fish Amendment 26 (Red Snapper IFQ). The Committee will also review a biological opinion on the effect of the Gulf reef fish fishery, proposed by NMFS, under the Endangered Species Act. The Committee will discuss updated greater amberjack analyses and alternatives for reducing greater amberjack landings. The Committee will hear an assessment update for goliath grouper.

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.-The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committees will review an Options Paper for a Generic Offshore Aquaculture Amendment. The Committees will then hear a status report on a Draft Generic Amendment for Extension of the Charter Vessel Permit Moratorium. The Committees will also discuss SEDAR Assessments for 2009 & 2010 and hear SEDAR Assessment Updates.

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.-The Administrative Policy Committee will meet to hear cost and budget analyses for video/teleconferencing of future meetings. The Committee will also hear a proposal on Intranet use at meetings and discuss incorporation of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) standards.

12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.-The Migratory Species Committee will meet to review scoping comments on Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Amendment 2 after hearing a presentation by Russ Dunn.

2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.-The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will hear a report on the Ecosystem Scientific Meeting. The Committee will also review plans for tasks to be completed under the Ecosystem Cooperative Agreement.

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.-The Shrimp Management Committee will meet jointly with the Standing and Special Shrimp SSCs to review the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) report and public comments on Final Shrimp Amendment 13 which addresses limited access in the shrimp fishery in order to make recommendations to Council. The Shrimp Management Committee will then discuss Shrimp Amendment 14.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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.

These meetings are 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 February 23, 2005.

Dated: February 15, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Office of Ocean.US Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Industry Day

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to attend.

SUMMARY: The Office of Ocean.US announces the opportunity to attend a briefing for interested organizations concerning plans to design, develop, fabricate, install and operate the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). The IOOS is in the exploratory planning phase and all interested parties are invited to provide input, ideas, concepts and suggestions toward ensuring its effective development.

DATES: March 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Hall of Flags, at the US Chamber of Commerce Bldg. located near the White House at 1615 H Street NW., Washington, DC 20062-2000. Admission is controlled and the material to be presented will be unclassified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding this Industry Day, contact Andy Clark at a.clark@ocean.us or (703) 588-0846. To attend this event, phone or fax requests for registration material to: Mr. Gil Donohue, PH: (703) 442-7727; FX: (703) 442-8199. Include names of all attendees (3 maximum). Attendance is limited to three per company/organization. Suggested attendees: Senior Technologist, Business Development, Government Relations. Upon receipt of the completed IOOS Registration Package, potential attendees will receive a confirmation notice and other relevant information. Interested parties are reminded that no one will be admitted to the industry brief without this confirmation.

Requests to attend this briefing must be received no later than 1600 EDT Friday 11 March 2005. Only individuals who have submitted their registration and clearance information by 1600 EDT on 11 March 2005 and have received approval will be allowed to attend the IOOS Industry Day on 18 March 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IOOS is intended to be a "user-driven" integrated network that includes ocean observatories, data telemetry, data management and communications, systems and data analysis and modeling tools that reliably and continuously provide the data and information that is required to achieve the seven IOOS societal goals:

(1) Improve predictions of climate change and weather and their effects on coastal communities and the nation;

(2) Improve the safety and efficiency of marine operations;

(3) More effectively mitigate the effects of natural hazard;

(4) Improve national and homeland security;

(5) Reduce public health risks;

(6) More effectively protect and restore healthy coastal marine ecosystems; and

(7) Enable the sustained use of marine resources.

The IOOS is intended to become a national asset. IOOS may be characterized as a "network centric, system-of-systems". This large scale network will incorporate oceanographic, meteorological and atmospheric sensors offshore and onshore, sub sea and at sea surface, the equipment and telemetry methods to transmit this data first to information system (IS) that includes the hardware, software, middleware and storage capacity to collect, analyze, archive, distribute and disseminate the IOOS data. It is intended that portals will be developed to allow contributors around the nation to input their data and that the data will be made available through graphical user interfaces (GUIs) in order that users in the private sector, academia and the government may access it. It is the goal of Ocean.US to completely characterize all components required to address these goals and solicit from industry input and best commercial practices that will help to achieve them.

Dated: February 14, 2005.

Mitchell Luxenberg,

Acting Associate Assistant Administrator for Management, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Groundfish and Advisory Panels and Bycatch Oversight Committee in March, 2005 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 March 9 and March 10, 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.—Joint Groundfish and Whiting Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The advisory panels will discuss potential bycatch issues facing the groundfish and whiting fisheries due to the very large 2003-year class of haddock. They will review existing oversight committee recommendations and recommend to these committees additional strategies and measures designed to reduce haddock bycatch.

Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 9 a.m.—Ad Hoc Bycatch Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The Bycatch Committee will review recommendations from the Advisors as