

Dated: March 9, 2007.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030107E]

### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings; Republication

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** The meetings will be held March 26 - 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites, 570 Scenic Gulf Drive, Destin, FL 32550.

*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:** This notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2007 (72 FR 10171). It is being republished in its entirety due to additional agenda items.

#### Council

#### Thursday, March 29, 2007

8:30 a.m. - The Council meeting will begin with a review of the agenda and minutes.

8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. - Public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any.

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - The Council will hold an Open Public Comment Period regarding any fishery issue or concern. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

The Council will then review and discuss reports from the previous three day's committee meetings as follows:

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management;

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Reef Fish Management;

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION for Advisory Panel (AP) and

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Section Committees and Reef Fish Committee.

#### Friday, March 30, 2007

8:30 a.m. - The Council meeting will reconvene to continue reviewing and discussing reports from the previous three day's committee meetings as follows:

8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Mackerel Management;

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum;

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Budget/Personnel;

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Data Collection;

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Administrative

Policy; and.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Other Business items.

#### Committees

#### Monday, March 26, 2007

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION - The AP Selection Committee will meet to appoint AP members.

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION - The SSC Selection Committee will meet to appoint SSC, Stock Assessment Panel (SAP) and Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) members.

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Budget/Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the State Liaison Budget Increases.

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - NMFS Public Scoping Session on Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) provision regarding National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) review for fisheries management actions.

#### Tuesday March 27, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committee will meet to review Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC) Analyses Runs. The Committee will also review the current Public Hearing Draft of Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14 and the SSC's recommendations; the NMFS' FEIS and Interim Rule for Red Snapper; the SEFSC Report on Release Mortality in Relation to Depth and Dolphin Predation, the Framework Action to Revise the List of Allowable bycatch reduction devices (BRDs); NMFS Interim Rule for Red Snapper; and an Options Paper for Reef Fish Amendment 31/Shrimp Amendment 15.

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committee continues.

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - NMFS Public Scoping Session on guidance for use of the annual catch limits.

#### Wednesday, March 28, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to discuss the updates on Reef Fish Amendment 29; the Ad Hoc Grouper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) AP recommendations for an IFQ program; the Guidelines for a Referendum for Grouper/Tilefish IFQ; the Scoping Document for Amendment 30; and possibly consider NMFS communications protocol allowing VMS units to be "powered down" when in port; PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION - the formation of an Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper AP for developing new ideas to manage recreational and for-hire red snapper fisheries.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Committees will meet to discuss the Status Report on a Public Hearing Draft for the Generic Aquaculture Amendment and SSC Recommendations on completing a Red Drum SEDAR Stock Assessment.

2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. - The Administrative Policy Committee will meet to discuss the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements for Annual Catch Limits.

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. - The Data Collection Committee will meet to discuss a paper for an Amendment to Require Trip Tickets for Recreational-For-Hire Sector.

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Mackerel Management Committee will meet to reconsider the Joint Mackerel Management Committee report and an associated scoping document for Amendment 16 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan (FMP) from its September 18 & 19, 2006 meeting.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - NMFS will provide an update on the Red Snapper IFQ program and there will be a Question and Answer Session.

The committee reports will be presented to the Council for consideration on Thursday March 29, and on Friday, March 30, 2007.

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 Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 9, 2007.

**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. 030807C]

#### 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 Research Steering Committee (Committee) in March, 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, March 29, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747-4900; fax: (508) 747-8937.

*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 several final cooperative research project reports and develop management advice for use by the Council; provide a list of 2007

research priorities for Council consideration and address the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's report on the impacts of fishing on groundfish spawning activities and related follow-up activities concerning the Northeast Region's Experimental Fishing Permit Program.

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: March 9, 2007.

**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. 030807A]

#### Endangered Species; File No. 1486

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Harold M. Brundage, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc., has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1486.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room

13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9394.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brandy Hutnak or Malcolm Mohead, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 16, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 1707) that a modification of Permit No. 1486, issued December 22, 2004 (69 FR 30287), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The modification authorizes Mr. Brundage to take 1,000 shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) early life stages (eggs and larvae) from the Delaware River System. Eggs will be collected using artificial substrates and larvae will be captured by passive ichthyoplankton nets, an epibenthic sled, and pump sampling. This research will help document spawning occurrence and location, as well as identify possible critical habitat or critical areas for shortnose sturgeon spawning and nursery.

Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 8, 2007.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Base Realignment and Closure Actions at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability (NOA).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the availability of a DEIS that