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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Technical Monitoring and Compliance Team (TMCT)

DATES: The TMCT will meet on May 20-21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Office, located in 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The TMCT will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

- Call to Order
- Revision of Available Data
 - Commercial
 - Recreational
 - Fishery Independent Data
- Available Methods for Data Analyses
 - Other Business
 - Next Meeting

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

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more

information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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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 Skate Committee and Advisory Panel, in May, 2008, 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: These meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 9 a.m. and Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

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 Skate Advisors and Skate Oversight Committee will meet jointly to review Plan Development Team recommendations for management alternatives and specifications to achieve the Amendment 3 catch limits. The Committee may approve, revise, or substitute these recommendations for inclusion in Draft Amendment 3 and analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Committee may

also identify a preferred alternative for the Draft Amendment or take up any other business related to skate management.

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Special Accommodations

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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Crab Plan Team (CPT).

SUMMARY: The Crab Plan Team will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 6-9, 2008. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on May 6th through May 8th and from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on May 9th.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg 4, Traynor Room, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, at (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Plan Team will address the following issues: The new stock assessment review role by CPT, Crab Rationalization Program changes, Economic Data Review, the Economic SAFE report, Crab Research priorities, Assessments for Overfishing Fishing Level considerations by Tiers, rebuilding plan revisions, Finalize overfishing level recommendations for all crab species, finalize CPT report and other issues/new business.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings and scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a series of public hearings and scoping meetings beginning in early May. Public hearings will be held for Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the

South Atlantic, the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), and the Comprehensive Ecosystem Amendment (CEA). Public scoping will be held for Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper FMP for the South Atlantic. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The series of 5 public scoping meetings will be held May 7-15, 2008. All scoping meetings will be open from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Council staff and area Council members will be available for presentations, informal discussions, and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record at any time during the meeting hours to record their comments on the public hearing and scoping issues for Council consideration. Written comments must be received in the South Atlantic Council's office by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405, or via email to: SGAm16@safmc.net for Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP; FEPComments@safmc.net for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan; CEAComments@safmc.net for the Comprehensive Ecosystem Amendment; and RedSnapperScoping@safmc.net for scoping comments regarding Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper FMP. Comments are due to the Council office by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2008. Copies of the public hearing and scoping documents are available from Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10. Copies will also be available online at www.safmc.net as they become available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email address: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Locations

The public hearings and scoping meeting will be held at the following locations:

1. May 7, 2008—Key Largo Grande, 97000 South Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037, telephone: (866) 597-5397;

2. May 9, 2008—Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920, telephone: (321) 784-0000;

3. May 12, 2008—Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, 175 Bourne Avenue, Pooler, GA 31322, telephone: (912) 748-8888;

4. May 13, 2008—Town & Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407, telephone: (843) 571-1000; and

5. May 15, 2008—Sheraton New Bern, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560, telephone: (252) 638-3585.

The public hearings and scoping will address overlapping fisheries issues for the South Atlantic region. Public hearings will be held on the following:

1. Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP—updates management reference points for gag grouper and vermilion snapper, including Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY), Optimum Yield (OY), and Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST), which reflect current scientific information as provided by stock assessments and approved by the Scientific and Statistical Committee. In addition, the amendment would either alter current management measures or implement new management measures that would reduce current harvest levels to yields associated with the optimum yield and end overfishing of both stocks in the South Atlantic. The Council will also specify interim allocations between the commercial and recreational sectors.

Alternatives under consideration include a January–April spawning season closure for gag grouper for both commercial and recreational sectors where no fishing for and/or possession of gag would be allowed. In addition, during the closure no fishing for and/or possession of the following species would be allowed: black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, yellowmouth grouper, tiger grouper, yellowfin grouper, graysby, and coney; dividing the commercial quota for gag grouper between two regions; reduction of the current 5-grouper aggregate bag limit for the recreational fishery; establishment of a directed commercial quota for vermilion snapper; adjusting recreational bag/size limits for vermilion snapper, and establishment of a recreational closed season for vermilion snapper. Amendment 16 also includes alternatives to reduce bycatch mortality by requiring the use of venting and dehooking tools and circle hooks to fish for snapper grouper species in the South Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Alternatives are also included for interim allocations for gag grouper and vermilion snapper.