

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The locations of the meetings are as follows:

- American Samoa Council Advisory Body Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Sadies by the Sea Conference Room, Utulei;

- Public Meeting on Large Pelagic Vessel Prohibited Area: Sadies by the Sea Conference Room, Utulei;

- American Samoa Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium, Utulei;

- Hawaii Council Advisory Body Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI;

- Hawaii Council Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review Meeting: Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI.

January 28, 2015 American Samoa Council Advisory Body FEP Meeting

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Overview of the Council and its Fisheries
 - A. Authority and Responsibilities
 - B. Council Structure, Programs, and Fisheries
 - C. Five Year Program Plan
3. Review of Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plans
 - A. Background
 - B. Purpose
 - C. Intended Outcomes
 - D. Major Process Elements
 - i. Mandates
 - ii. FEP Objectives
 - iii. Decision-making Process
 - iv. Data
4. Other Relevant Topics
5. Discussion and Recommendations

January 29, 2015 Public Meeting on Large Pelagic Vessel Prohibited Area

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Brief Overview of the Council
3. Temporary exemption to fish with the current large vessel prohibited area
 - A. Background and History
 - B. Management Option under Consideration
4. Other Relevant Topics
5. Public Comment

January 30, 2015 American Samoa REAC FEP Meeting

Agenda: See January 28 American Samoa Council Advisory Body FEP Meeting agenda.

February 4, 2015 Hawaii Council Advisory Body FEP Meeting

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Overview of the Council and its Fisheries
 - A. Authority and Responsibilities
 - B. Council Structure, Programs, and Fisheries
 - C. Five Year Program Plan
3. Review of Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plans
 - A. Background
 - B. Purpose
 - C. Intended Outcomes
 - D. Major Process Elements
 - i. Mandates
 - ii. FEP Objectives
 - iii. Decision-making Process
 - iv. Data
4. Other Relevant Topics
5. Discussion and Recommendations

February 5, 2015 Hawaii REAC FEP Meeting

Agenda: See February 4 Hawaii Council Advisory Body FEP Meeting agenda.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 6, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD697

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold a series of public hearings pertaining to Amendment 35 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the South Atlantic and a scoping meeting for Amendment 26 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP for the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

DATES: The meetings will be held January 13, 2015 through February 4, 2015. A public hearing for Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 will be held in Key West, FL on January 13, 2015 beginning at 5:30 p.m.; a public hearing for Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 and a scoping meeting for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Amendment 26 will be held in Cocoa Beach on January 21, 2015 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., and a public hearing for Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 will be held in Georgetown, SC on January 27, 2015 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. In addition, a public scoping meeting for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Amendment 26 will be held via webinar on February 4, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting Addresses:

1. January 13, 2015: Marriott Key West Beachside, 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040; phone: (305) 296-8100.

2. January 21, 2015: Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 1550 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931; phone: (321) 799-0003.

3. January 27, 2015: Kimbel Lodge at Hobcaw Barony, 22 Hobcaw Road, Georgetown, SC 29442; phone: (843) 904-9024.

4. February 4, 2015: Scoping via Webinar at 6 p.m.—registration for the Webinar is required. Information regarding registration will be posted on the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net.

Council Address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion are as follows:

Public Hearing: Amendment 35 to the Snapper Grouper FMP

This amendment would remove four species from the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Unit (black snapper, dog snapper, mahogany snapper and schoolmaster). In addition, the amendment would make modifications to the current commercial longline endorsements for golden tilefish. The changes to the endorsements are being proposed to reflect the Council's intent regarding which gear-specific quota (longline or hook-and-line) endorsements holders may fish under.

Public Scoping: Amendment 26 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP

The amendment addresses measures for king mackerel, including options to revise Annual Catch Limits and the stock boundary for king mackerel, allow the sale of king mackerel bycatch in the shark gillnet fishery, and establish a sub-quota specific to the new mixing zone.

Written comments may be directed to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, SAFMC (see **ADDRESSES**) or via email to: Mike.Collins@safmc.net. Note that email comments should specify the name of the amendment in the Subject Line of the email for which comments are being submitted. Public hearing comments for Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 4, 2015. Scoping comments for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Amendment 26 will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 11, 2015. Copies of the public hearing and scoping documents are available from the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net.

Council staff will present an overview of the amendments and will be available for informal discussions and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record to record their comments on the public hearing and scoping topics for consideration by the Council. Local Council representatives will attend the meetings and listen to public comment.

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 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.

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These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: January 5, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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

RIN 0648-XZ51

Marine Mammals; File No. 15543

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Randall S. Wells, Ph.D. (Principal Investigator), Sarasota Dolphin Research Program, c/o Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 15543-03.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before February 9, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 15543 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Courtney Smith or Brendan Hurley, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 15543-03 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 15543, issued on May 26, 2011 (76 FR 32144), authorizes the permit holder to conduct photo-identification and behavioral studies, remote biopsy sampling, and temporary capture and release activities for health assessments of bottlenose dolphins. Research may occur in shallow, inshore and coastal waters of west Florida out to 50 miles offshore. The permit was modified with several minor amendments that further authorized the development of cell lines from blubber tissue (Permit No. 15543-01, issued September 21, 2011); the application of zinc oxide to mark animals to aid in their identification during post-tagging behavioral observations (Permit No. 15543-02, issued January 22, 2014); and the use of an unmanned aerial system (UAS) to aid in health assessment captures and field surveys (Permit No. 15543-03; issued May 1, 2014).

The applicant has requested to amend the permit by expanding the study area to include the bay, sound, estuary and associated coastal waters of Mobile Bay, Alabama, and Terrebonne Bay, Louisiana, and 160 annual takes in each location by remote biopsy sampling of bottlenose dolphins. Additionally, 160 annual biopsy takes will be added to the currently authorized allotment of Florida biopsy activities to include a focused study in Pensacola Bay, FL. These research activities aim to understand dolphin population dynamics, abundance, movement patterns, feeding ecology, and specific metrics of biological and physiological condition to understand acute and chronic effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Biopsy samples will be distributed to authorized recipients for processing.

The applicant has also requested to capture, satellite-tag, and release up to 25 Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*) for health assessments by hoop-netting bow-riding individuals during surveys on the West Florida Shelf. Up to 2 takes by unintentional mortality are requested annually. These activities will help to determine ranging patterns, dive behavior and habitat use of this understudied species. These same activities are already authorized for bottlenose dolphins under the current permit (No. 15543-03).

Finally, the applicant has requested a minor procedural modification to allow the administration of doubly-labeled water (deuterium oxide and oxygen-18) to bottlenose dolphins that are temporarily captured during health assessments. This procedure is part of a larger study to determine the metabolic rates of females with and without calves, and of 2-3 year old calves. The