

convene a public meeting of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on February 12, 1997, and will conclude at 12:00 noon on February 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Pascagoula Laboratory, 3209 Frederic Street, Pascagoula, MS.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 12, the RFSAP members, in conjunction with a representative of NMFS, the Council's Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and the shrimp industry will review recommendations of a select group of statisticians regarding changes to the database and methodology used in estimating shrimp trawl bycatch of red snapper. The combined group will make recommendations for additional analyses of the data for estimating shrimp trawl bycatch, if any, that should be performed by NMFS for subsequent review by the SSC and the Council.

On February 13 and February 14, the RFSAP will re-examine stock assessment information for vermilion snapper and potentially develop proposed management options for Council consideration that would phase in total allowable catch levels, a quota, and bag limits over a 3-year period to gradually reduce harvest levels.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 5, 1997.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 97-2588 Filed 1-31-97; 8:45 am]

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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 (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Stone Crab Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: This meeting will be held on February 20, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Monroe County Regional Service Center, 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL; telephone: (305) 743-6727.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review effort and landing trends in the fishery and indicate to the Council whether the industry supports development of a limited access system and structure of such a system.

The AP will hold a fact-finding hearing prior to their meeting to obtain suggestions on the structure of the limited access system from fishermen in other areas. The hearing will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on February 19, 1997 at the Radisson Inn Fort Myers, 12635 Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL; telephone: (941) 936-2058.

The AP is comprised of fishermen and other user groups who advise the Council on fishery issues.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 13, 1997.

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish

Committee and its Comprehensive Management Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, February 18, to Thursday, February 20, 1997. On Tuesday, the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet from 1:00-4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at which time the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Atlantic City West, 6821 Black Horse Pike, Atlantic City, NJ 08232, telephone 1-800-782-9237.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Council's joint venture processing policy and the 1997 Atlantic mackerel joint venture processing specifications, hear a report on the Stock Assessment Workshop, discuss NMFS proposed regulations concerning essential fish habitat, have a presentation on NMFS proposed weakfish regulations, discuss vessel replacement criteria in Comprehensive Management, possible adoption of Amendment 1 to the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan for public hearings, and other fishery management matters. In addition, there will be discussion regarding Mr. Schmitt's inquiry into the rebuilding schedule of summer flounder during the Executive Director's Report.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at least five days prior to the meeting dates.

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Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 97-2593 Filed 1-31-97; 8:45 am]

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee's Salmon Subcommittee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 11, 1997. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Red Lion downtown Portland in the Coos Bay Room, 310 SW Lincoln, Portland, OR 97201.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Seger, Economic Analysis Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting is to review California recreational fishery hooking mortality studies and the chinook fishery regulation assessment model.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 28, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Shrimp Committee, Joint Controlled Access and Snapper Grouper Committees, Joint Snapper Grouper Committee and Wreckfish Advisory Panel, Scientific and Statistical Selection Committee (closed session), and a Council session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from February 10-14, 1997. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Ponce de Leon Conference Resort, 4000 U.S. Highway 1 North, St. Augustine, FL; telephone: 800-228-2821. Please note: This meeting location is different from what was originally announced in "The South Atlantic Update."

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520; email: susan_buchanan@safmc.nmfs.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

February 10, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Shrimp Committee. The Shrimp Committee will meet to receive a report on the Scientific and Statistical Committee and Bycatch Reduction Device (BRD) Advisory Panel review of the BRD and proxy analysis by Drs. Shah and Watson. The Committee will also approve the final BRD testing protocol;

February 10, 1997, 6:30 p.m. until all business is complete—Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program Scoping Meeting (ACCSP). As a partner in the ACCSP, the Council will hold a scoping meeting to solicit public input on ways to improve commercial and recreational fisheries data collection;

February 11, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Joint Controlled Access and Snapper Grouper Committees. The committees will meet to review public hearing comments and letters on Snapper Grouper Amendment 8 and the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), the NMFS informal review, and the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel's recommendations for the Amendment;

February 11, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Joint Controlled Access and Snapper Grouper Committees. The Committees will meet to develop recommendations for finalizing Snapper Grouper Amendment 8;

February 12, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Joint Snapper Grouper Committee and the Wreckfish Advisory Panel. The committee will meet jointly with the Wreckfish Advisory Panel to review the Wreckfish Assessment, discuss the status of the wreckfish fishery, and develop recommendations for the 1997-98 wreckfish total allowable catch (TAC) and other framework actions;

February 12, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.—Scientific and Statistical Selection Committee (closed session).

The committee will meet in closed session to develop recommendations for appointment of Scientific and Statistical Committee members;

February 12, 1997, 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Council Session. At 3:15 p.m. the Council will take public comment on the wreckfish TAC and other framework actions and Snapper Grouper Amendment 8, before making a decision at this session on the 1997-98 wreckfish TAC and other framework actions and approving Amendment 8 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce;

February 13, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.—Council Session. From 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon the Council will continue to receive the Controlled Access and Snapper Grouper Committee report;

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Council will meet in closed session to receive the SSC Committee report and appoint SSC members;

From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Council will receive the Shrimp Committee report, take public comment on the BRD testing protocol before approving the protocol;

From 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. the Council will receive the Law Enforcement Committee report and address recommendations made by the Committee and Law Enforcement Advisory Panel;

From 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. the Council will receive a report on the proposed NMFS habitat guidelines before taking action on these guidelines;

From 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. the Council will receive a report on the proposed NMFS weakfish regulations;

From 5:15 to 5:45 the Council will hear a report on Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program activities;

February 14, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Council Session. The Council will receive a report on Harbor Branch research being conducted in the Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern; hear the status of Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel catches and Amendment 8 to the Coastal Pelagics Fishery Management Plan (FMP); hear a report on the status of the Golden Crab FMP, implementation of the Plan, and permit review; discuss implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act amendment; hear a report on the NOAA General Counsel penalty schedule meeting; hear a report on planning a workshop for marine reserves; receive agency and liaison reports and discuss other business and upcoming meetings.