

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP).

DATES: This meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 24, and conclude by 12 noon on Friday, September 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Hood, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RFSAP will convene to review stock assessments on the status of the gag, vermilion snapper, and gray triggerfish stocks in the Gulf of Mexico. These stock assessments were prepared by NMFS and will be presented to the RFSAP. In the Report to Congress on the Status of Fisheries in the United States prepared by NMFS in January 2001, gag and vermilion snapper were listed as undergoing overfishing and gag was listed as approaching an overfished condition. The status of gray triggerfish was listed as unknown.

The RFSAP is composed of biologists who are trained in the specialized field of population dynamics. They advise the Council on the status of stocks and, when necessary, recommend a level of acceptable biological catch (ABC) needed to prevent overfishing or to effect a recovery of an overfished stock. They may also recommend catch restrictions needed to attain management goals.

Based on its review of the gag, vermilion snapper, and gray triggerfish stock assessments, the RFSAP may recommend a range of ABC for 2002, and may recommend management measures to achieve the ABC.

The conclusions of the RFSAP will be reviewed by the Council's Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Socioeconomic Panel (SEP), and Reef Fish Advisory Panel (RFAP) at meetings to be held in October, 2001. Gag is a component of the shallow-water grouper complex (which consists of red grouper, gag, yellowfin grouper, black grouper, scamp, yellowmouth grouper, rock hind, and red hind). The Council may set year 2002 total allowable catches (TAC), as well as other management measures for the gag component of the shallow-water grouper complex and for

vermillion snapper and gray triggerfish at its meeting in Biloxi, MS on December 10-14, 2001.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the RFSAP 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 RFSAP 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.

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 September 17, 2001.

Dated: September 5, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090401A]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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 Monkfish Oversight Committee in September, 2001. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Monday, September 24, 2001, at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel Providence, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New

England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Monkfish Committee will discuss issues and options to be considered for the annual adjustment framework, including the effect of the timing of the upcoming stock assessment and the recent judicial decision on the framework development schedule. They will also hold preliminary discussions on recommendations to the Council for 2002 workload priorities, including a possible plan amendment.

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 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: September 5, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 782-1645

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that The National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E., BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115 (PI: Dr. Robert DeLong) has been issued a permit to take harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2001, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (66 FR 39493) that a request for a scientific research permit to take harbor porpoise had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: September 4, 2001.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Announcement of Public Meeting on Existing Public and Private High-Tech Workforce Training Programs in the United States

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held on Tuesday November 20, 2001, 10:00 a.m. in the Technology Administration, Technology Center, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4813. Sections 115(a) and 115(b) of the American Competitiveness in the Twenty-First Century Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-313) require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and prepare a report to Congress on existing public and private high-tech workforce training programs in the United States. In connection with this study and report, this public meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for individuals to offer comments on information technology (IT) workforce training.

The study and report will focus on the education and training paths and programs through which workers prepare for highly skilled IT jobs, and maintain the skills needed in an ever-changing IT environment. The study and report will explore: IT worker demand in terms of education and skill requirements, employer role in IT worker training, the IT education and training program landscape, including what education and skills various models of IT worker training program provide; and key elements for program success. Interested parties may include employers, IT workers, education/training providers, state and local governments, and area/regional training partnerships.

DATES: Tuesday, November 20, 2001, 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Technology Center, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4813, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Individuals who wish to attend this public meeting should contact Carol Ann Meares, Technology Administrations, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4823, Washington, DC 20230. Telephone (202) 482-0940, or e-mail cmeares@ta.doc.gov.

Dated: September 4, 2001.

Bruce Mehlman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

[Docket No. 010626163-1163-01]

Notice, Request for Comments on Existing Public and Private High-Tech Workforce Training Programs in the United States

AGENCY: Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments on existing public and private high-tech workforce training programs in the United States for Congressionally-mandated study and report to the Congress by the Secretary of Commerce.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, the Technology Administration (TA) invites interested parties to comment on existing public and private high-tech workforce training programs in the United States. Sections 115(a) and 115(b) of the American

Competitiveness in the Twenty-first Century Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-313) require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and issue a report on this subject. In connection with this study and report, this Federal Register notice is intended to solicit comments and reply comments from the public in paper or electronic form. All written comments submitted in response to this notice will be posted on the TA website (www.ta.doc.gov/ittraining), and may be used in a report to Congress.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit comments no later than November 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Carol Ann Meares, Office Technology Policy, Technology Administration, Room 4823 HCHB, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Paper submissions should include an electronic copy of the comments on a diskette in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version) or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format. Diskettes should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document.

In the alternative, comments may be submitted electronically to the following electronic mail address: techtraining@ta.doc.gov. Comments submitted as attachments to electronic mail should be submitted in one or more of the formats specified above.

Another alternative method for providing comment is an Internet-based form that can be completed and submitted online. The URL for this notice is www.ta.doc.gov/ittraining/form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Ann Meares, Office Technology Policy, telephone: (202) 482-0940; or electronic mail: cmeares@ta.doc.gov. Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, Technology Administration, at (202) 482-8321.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The development and application of new information technologies across virtually every segment of the American economy has resulted in rapid, sustained growth in demand for highly skilled information technology (IT) workers. Accordingly, between 1983 and 1998, the number of high-skilled IT workers increased from 719,000 to 2,084,000—an increase of 190 percent, more than six times the overall U.S. job growth rate during this period.

Rapid growth is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. The