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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2005 (70 FR 9273). This notice serves as a correction to the address of one of the workshops.

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR typically includes three workshops: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Assessment Workshop, and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop and the Assessment Workshop is a stock assessment report, which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment report is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The products of the Review Workshop are a Consensus Summary Report, which reports Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data, and an Advisory Report, which summarizes the status of the stock. Participants for SEDAR workshops are appointed by the Regional Fishery Management Councils. Participants include data collectors, database managers, stock assessment scientists, biologists, fisheries researchers, fishermen, environmentalists, Council members, international experts, and staff of Regional Councils, Interstate Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The Review Workshop for SEDAR 8 will review the following assessments: Caribbean yellowtail snapper, Caribbean spiny lobster, and Gulf of Mexico South Atlantic spiny lobster. The Review workshop was originally scheduled to be held at the Best Western, San Juan Airport. That location has changed to the Caribe Hilton, San Juan, PR.

The workshop schedule is as follows:
May 16, 2005, 1 p.m.–10 p.m.

May 17–19, 2005, 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

May 20, 2005, 8 a.m.–11 a.m.

Please note that during the scheduled times there will be a mixture of workshop plenary sessions and dedicated group working sessions. The actual schedule of sessions during each day will be determined on an as-needed basis.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the workshop.

Dated: May 3, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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

[I.D. 050405A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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 will convene its Special Coral Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western – The Westshore Hotel, 1200 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33607.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.228.2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene the Special Coral Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to discuss previous research efforts to locate and identify coral reef

resources in the Gulf of Mexico. The Special Coral SSC will also be asked to provide recommendations on future research needs. Finally, the Special Coral SSC will discuss issues relative to Acropora and the 2004 Status of Coral Reefs of the World Report.

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813.228.2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Special Coral SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (M-SFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Special Coral SSC 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 M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by May 16, 2005.

May 4, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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

[I.D. 050405B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries Interim Joint Protocol committee.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Joint Protocol Committee of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Council will meet on May 25, 2005 in Anchorage at the Hawthorn Suite, Ltd, Ballroom B.

DATES: May 25, 8:30am – 4:30pm.

ADDRESSES: Hawthorn Suites, Ltd, 1110 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be to discuss the Board of Fisheries proposal #455 (state water pollock fisheries within Steller Sea lion critical habitat). This will be an initial organizational meeting to discuss information needs, process and timing relative to potential actions by the Board of Fisheries or Council.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 4, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050405C]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Scoping Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: There are two shark tour operations based in Haleiwa. The operations are banned from operating in Hawaii State Waters. The staff of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public scoping meeting to: (1) gather comment on shark viewing operations in Federal waters, and (2) to disseminate and gather information on the Council's Community Based Management initiatives.

DATES: The public scoping meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2005, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Haleiwa Alii Beach Park, John Kalili Surf Center, Oahu, HI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director;

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be advertised in the local newspapers. Written comments will be accepted until May 30, 2005. They may be sent to Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813 or via fax to (808) 522-8226.

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.

Dated: May 4, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032805A]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NMFS has decided not to proceed at this time with issuing exempted fishing permits (EFPs) for conducting bycatch reduction research in the following regions of the Atlantic Ocean: North of Cape Hatteras, South of Cape Hatteras, and Gulf of Mexico (GOM) until such time as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) can be prepared to further assess the impacts associated with fishing in existing pelagic longline closed areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Stirratt, 301-713-2347; fax: 301-713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EFPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational

activity with respect to Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS).

Six Atlantic pelagic longline vessels requested exemptions from certain regulations applicable to the harvest and landing of Atlantic HMS in order to conduct bycatch reduction research in the following regions of the Atlantic Ocean: North of Cape Hatteras, South of Cape Hatteras, and GOM. Specifically, the permitted pelagic longline vessels proposed to test gear modifications and/or various fishing techniques to avoid incidentally-caught white marlin, blue marlin, bluefin tuna, and sea turtles, while allowing for the targeted catches of allowed species. The proposal included research in areas currently closed to pelagic longline fishing.

NMFS has considered the public comments received, as requested in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 17069) on April 4, 2005, and has decided not to proceed with issuing exempted fishing permits until such time as an EIS can be prepared to further assess the impacts associated with fishing in existing pelagic longline closed areas. NMFS believes that bycatch reduction research in the pelagic longline fishery is important to compare or evaluate different bycatch reduction fishing methodologies, explore new bycatch reduction gear technologies, and investigate ways to tailor and refine existing time/area closures. Thus, NMFS will proceed with bycatch reduction research in areas currently open to pelagic longline fishing. Bycatch reduction information will be gathered via research efforts conducted outside of closed areas, consistent with a NMFS-issued cooperative research grant. Further consideration of bycatch reduction research inside of closed areas may occur upon completion of an EIS.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 3, 2005.

John H. Dunnigan

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Rescheduling of Consideration of Requests for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China and Solicitations of Public Comments

May 5, 2005.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee)