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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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) will hold a Webinar-based meeting of its River Herring and Shad (RH/S) Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, August 15, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Webinar (<http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/rh-s-com-aug15-2016/>) with a telephone audio connection (provided when connecting).

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's Web site, www.mafmc.org, also has details on the proposed agenda, Webinar access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

In October 2016, the Council will consider whether to develop an Amendment that could add several species of river Herrings and Shads as Council-managed species. This RH/S Committee meeting will review a white paper and draft decision document related to the need for Council management of blueback Herring, Lewite, American Shad, and hickory Shad. Public comments will also be taken.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid

should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and webinar/conference call.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold a 2-day Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) meeting in September 2016. The intent of the meeting is to consider options for the conservation and management of Atlantic HMS. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The AP meeting and webinar will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday, September 7 and September 8, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The meeting presentations will also be available via WebEx webinar/conference call.

On Wednesday, September 7, 2016, the conference call information is phone number 1-888-469-2188; Participant Code: 7954019; and the webinar event address is: <https://noaaevents2.webex.com/noaaevents2/onstage/g.php?MTID=eec1bb32466dd8905125c5db01b539623>; event password: NOAA.

On Thursday, September 8, 2016, the conference call information is phone number 1-888-469-2188; Participant Code: 7954019; and the webinar event address is: <https://noaaevents2.webex.com/noaaevents2/onstage/g.php?MTID=e9fcef19f3c43ce6255dfad07807a71f4>; event password: NOAA.

Participants are strongly encouraged to log/dial in 15 minutes prior to the meeting. NMFS will show the

presentations via webinar and allow public comment during identified times on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Cooper or Margo Schulze-Haugen at (301) 427-8503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, provided for the establishment of an AP to assist in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the development of any Fishery Management Plan (FMP) or FMP amendment for Atlantic HMS. NMFS consults with and considers the comments and views of AP members when preparing and implementing FMPs or FMP amendments for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks.

The AP has previously consulted with NMFS on: Amendment 1 to the Billfish FMP (April 1999); the HMS FMP (April 1999); Amendment 1 to the HMS FMP (December 2003); the Consolidated HMS FMP (October 2006); and Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP (April and October 2008, February and September 2009, May and September 2010, April and September 2011, March and September 2012, January and September 2013, April and September 2014, March and September 2015, March 2016), among other things.

The intent of this meeting is to consider alternatives for the conservation and management of all Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and shark fisheries. We anticipate discussing the results of the 2016 dusky shark stock assessment and the Amendment 5b timeline; Draft Amendment 10 on Essential Fish Habitat, including potential Habitat Areas of Particular Concern; implementation updates for Final Amendment 7 on bluefin tuna management; and progress updates on various other rulemakings, including archival tag requirements, blacknose and small coastal shark management; domestic implementation of recommendations from the 2015 meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas; and potential changes to limited access vessel upgrading requirements and Individual Bluefin Quota program inseason transfer criteria. We also anticipate discussing recreational topics regarding data collection and economic surveys, as well as progress updates regarding the exempted fishing permit request to conduct research in pelagic longline closed areas. Finally, we also intend to

invite other NMFS offices to provide updates on their activities relevant to HMS fisheries.

Additional information on the meeting and a copy of the draft agenda will be posted prior to the meeting at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/advisory_panels/hms_ap/meetings/ap_meetings.html.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Peter Cooper at (301) 427-8503 at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

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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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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016, and end at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza hotel, located at 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA; telephone: (504) 962-0500.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Gregory, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, August 15, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Gulf Council will begin with updates and presentations from administrative and management committees. The Administrative/Budget Committee will discuss the Final 2014 No-cost Extension Expenditures; review the Revised Budgets for 2017-2019; review and approve the Updated Regional Operating Agreement with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); hold a discussion regarding Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) members also being State Designees; discuss Council Committee Assignments; and review Administrative Handbook revisions. The Data Collection Management Committee will receive a presentation on National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) For-Hire Pilot Program; review modifications to the Generic Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements, cost analysis of Commercial Electronic Reporting Program and Atlantic States' Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Meeting Summary. The Joint Coral/Habitat Protection Management Committees will review a draft of the 5-year Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) review; receive a summary of the Joint *Shrimp* Advisory Panel (AP)/Coral SSC/AP meeting; review a letter regarding the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and hold a discussion on fishing regulations for the Flower Garden National Marine Sanctuary.

There will be a CLOSED SESSION to discuss appointments for the Ad Hoc Private Recreational Advisory Panel from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The *Reef Fish* Management Committee will review draft Amendment 36A—Commercial Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Modifications; Headboat Collaborative Project; draft Amendment 46—Modify Gray *Triggerfish* Rebuilding Plan; draft Amendment 42—*Reef Fish* Recreational Management for Headboat Survey Vessels; and, draft Amendment 41—*Red Snapper* Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels.

Wednesday, August 17, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The *Reef Fish* Management Committee will review an options paper for Amendment 44—Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST) for *Reef Fish* Stocks; discuss the carryover of

unharvested *Red Snapper* allocations; and receive a summary on the Standing and Special *Reef Fish* SSC Report. The *Mackerel* Management Committee will review an options paper for Coastal Migratory *Pelagics* (CMP) Amendment 29—Allocation Sharing and Accountability Measures for Gulf King *Mackerel*.

The Full Council will convene mid-morning (approximately 11:15 a.m.) with Call to Order, Announcements, presentation of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and Introductions. Induction of Council Members; Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes; and review of Exempt Fishing Permit (EFPs) Applications, if any. After lunch (12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.), the Council will receive a summary from the Artificial Reef Summit; Joint Law Enforcement Presentation; and NMFS-SERO Landing Summaries. The Council will receive public testimony from 2:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Agenda Testimony item: Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and, hold an open public testimony period regarding any other fishery issues or concern. Anyone wishing to speak during public comment should sign in at the registration station located at the entrance to the meeting room.

Thursday, August 18, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The Council will receive committee reports from the Administrative/Budget, Data Collection, Joint Coral/Habitat Protection, and Mackerel Management Committees. After lunch (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.), the Council will receive a committee report from the *Reef Fish* Management Committee; and, vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications, if any. The Council will receive updates from supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and, the Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items; and, hold an election for Chair and Vice Chair.

Meeting Adjourns

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue. The latest version will be posted on the Council's file server, which can be accessed by going to the Council's Web site at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org> and clicking on FTP Server under Quick Links. For meeting materials, select the "Briefing Books/Briefing Book 2016-08"