

## Agenda

*Monday, October 2, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*

The Gulf SEDAR Management Committee will review the SEDAR Steering Committee Summary and the SEDAR schedule. The Spiny Lobster Management Committee will review a draft Options Paper of Spiny Lobster Amendment 13. The Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration Management Committee will review a summary of the Southeast Deep-Sea Coral Initiative and review a Public Hearing draft of Coral Amendment 9. The Sustainable Fisheries Management Committee will review Options Paper—Draft Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Protocol and Gear for the Reef Fish Fishery and review Options Paper—Framework Action to Require either Descending Devices or Venting Tools on board Vessels Possessing Reef Fish. The Committee will have a discussion on Dead Zone Regarding the RESTORE Act Activities and receive a presentation on Proposed Lionfish Gear and Modification to the List of Allowable Gears. At 4:15 p.m. a CLOSED SESSION of the Full Council will convene to discuss appointments to the Ad Hoc Red Snapper and Grouper-Tilefish Advisory Panel.

*Tuesday, October 3, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*

The Reef Fish Management Committee will take final action on Framework Action—Greater Amberjack Fishing Year and Recreational Closed Season. The Committee will review draft Amendment 41—Allocation-based Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels and Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements; review draft Amendment 42—Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels and Final Action Referendum Eligibility Requirements; and, review draft papers for State Management of Recreational Red Snapper. The Committee will discuss the joint SAFMC/GMFC Management of Yellowtail Snapper. The Reef Fish Management Committee will receive NMFS response regarding referendum requirements for auctions; and discuss for-hire Reef Fish Permit transfers. The Committee will review Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program 5-Year Review Surveys.

*Wednesday, October 4, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.*

The Full Council will convene with Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions; Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes; Induction of New Council Members; Announcement of

2016 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award; and review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFPs) Applications, if any. The Council will receive a presentation from Mississippi Law Enforcement and a presentation on Gulf of Mexico Annual Catch Limits Landings. After lunch the Council will receive public testimony from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Agenda Testimony items: Final Action on Framework Action: Greater Amberjack Fishing Year and Recreational Closed Season, Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements for Reef Fish Amendment 41, Final Action on Referendum Eligibility Requirements for Reef Fish Amendment 42; 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, October 5, 2017; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.*

Full Council will receive committee reports from Gulf SEDAR, Spiny Lobster, Sustainable Fisheries, Joint Coral/Habitat Protection & Restoration Management Committees, and Reef Fish; and, vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications, if any. The Council will receive updates from the following 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. The Council will conduct the election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items.

## 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, go to the Gulf Council Web site or Gulf Council file server and select the "Briefing Books/Briefing Book 2017–10" folder. The username and password are both "gulfguest". The meetings will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast is available here, <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7940774515962140419>.

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action during this meeting. Council 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 that 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 Kathy Pereira (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 12, 2017.

**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

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### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; phone: (774) 634–2000.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Agenda

The Habitat Committee will be briefed on offshore wind projects in various

stages of planning and development. This agenda item will include presentations from various companies as well as BOEM staff, and time for questions and discussion. The committee plans to discuss 2018 Council priorities related to habitat and recommend specific priorities to the Council. They will also review recent Plan Development Team (PDT) activity related to the Deep-Sea Coral Amendment, with a focus on development and analysis of broad zone Option 7 as discussed at the June 2017 Council meeting. Provide guidance for additional work. The committee will review recent PDT activity related to the Clam Dredge Framework. Provide guidance for development of management alternatives using updated habitat and clam survey data. They also plan to discuss if there are any habitat-related fishery regulations that could be eliminated, improved, or streamlined. Several recent Executive Orders have been issued about streamlining current regulations, and NOAA is seeking public input on the efficiency and effectiveness of current regulations and whether they can be improved. Other business may be discussed as necessary.

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

Dated: September 12, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; State and Local Implementation Grant Program 2.0 Reporting Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 14, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6612, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via email at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be sent to Michael Dame, Program Director, State and Local Implementation Grant Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4078, Washington, DC 20230 (or via email at [mdame@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:mdame@ntia.doc.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

In February 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act) was enacted.<sup>1</sup> The Act meets a long-standing national priority and infrastructure need to create a single, interoperable, nationwide public safety broadband network (NPSBN) that allows law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to effectively communicate with each other across agencies and jurisdictions. Public safety responders have long been hindered in their ability to respond in a crisis situation because

of incompatible communications networks and often outdated communications equipment. Therefore, the design and deployment of this NPSBN established by the Act is critical to provide emergency responders the ability to communicate on a secure, reliable, and dedicated interoperable network during emergencies and to use technology to improve response time, keep communities safe, and save lives.

The Act established the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and authorized it to take all actions necessary to ensure the design, construction, and operation of a nationwide NPSBN, based on a single, national network architecture.<sup>2</sup> FirstNet's responsibilities are, at a minimum, to ensure nationwide standards for the use of and access to the network; issue open, transparent, and competitive requests for proposals (RFPs) to build, operate, and maintain the network; encourage these RFPs to leverage, to the maximum extent economically desirable, existing commercial wireless infrastructure to speed deployment of the network; and oversee contracts with non-federal entities to build, operate, and maintain the network.<sup>3</sup>

The Act also charged NTIA with establishing a grant program, the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP), to assist state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions with identifying, planning, and implementing the most efficient and effective means to use and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the NPSBN to satisfy the wireless broadband and data services needs of their jurisdictions.<sup>4</sup> NTIA awarded an initial \$116.5 million in grant funds to 54 state and territorial recipients between July 2013 and June 2014.

The Act's framework contemplates that FirstNet closely coordinates its activities with state, regional, tribal, and local governments and imposed a statutory requirement that FirstNet consult with these entities as it takes all actions necessary to build, deploy, and operate the NPSBN.<sup>5</sup> Specifically, the Act requires FirstNet to consult with state, regional, tribal, and local governments about the distribution and expenditure of any amounts required to carry out its responsibilities to plan,

<sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1424, 1426(b)(1).

<sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1426(b)(1)(A)-(D).

<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1442(a).

<sup>5</sup> 47 U.S.C. 1422(b)(2)(B).

<sup>1</sup> Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, Public Law 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012) (Act) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*).