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Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Allocation Committee.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Allocation Committee in North Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meeting will take place April 8-9, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Southern Wesleyan University, Classroom 6, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 301, North Charleston, SC 29406.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Allocation Committee meeting will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 8, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 9, 2008.

The Committee will continue to work on alternatives for consideration in the Council's draft Comprehensive Allocation Amendment. The amendment addresses allocations between recreational and commercial fishing sectors. The amendment currently includes alternatives to determine allocations based on (1) Landings data from the National Marine Fisheries Service or Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program, (2) Catch data from stock assessments (including discard mortality), (3) the Council's Judgement on Fairness and Equity, and (4) detailed economic and social analysis. The Committee will receive a report on social projects/data collection completed or planned for the South Atlantic region, an overview of previous management actions and how reductions in harvest were applied to each sector, and a presentation on the applicability of certain economic models that may prove useful for helping to determine allocations for species managed by the Council.

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Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 140th meeting to consider and take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The 140th Council meeting and public hearings will be held on March 17-18, 2008 in Guam and March 20-21, 2008 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). For specific times and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The 140th Council meeting and public hearings will be held at the Guam Hilton, 202 Hilton Road, Tumon Bay, Guam, 96913 ; telephone: 671-646-1835; and the Fiesta Resort and SPA Saipan, P.O. Box 501029, Saipan, MP, 96950; telephone: 670-234-6418.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Council will hear recommendations from other Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Council will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for Council Standing Committee Meetings

Monday, March 17, 2008

Standing Committee Meetings

1. 7:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Executive and Budget Standing Committee
2. 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Pelagics Ecosystem and International Fisheries Standing Committee

3. 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Program Planning Standing Committee

The agenda during the full Council meeting will include the items listed here.