

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the LaQuinta Inn, 2610 Williams Boulevard, Kenner, LA 70062; telephone: (504) 466-1401.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The Council previously reviewed 27 recommendations from the AP for improving recreational red snapper management, and selected four of the recommendations for further review. Those recommendations include: (1) regional management of recreational red snapper fishing; (2) recreational reef fish permitting system with red snapper endorsement; (3) limited access privilege programs in the for-hire and private recreational sectors; and (4) catch cards and fish tag systems. At this meeting, the AP will discuss issues and possible alternatives to consider for each of these ideas, and will provide recommendations back to the Council for possible further development.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: October 1, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings**

**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 to convene its Standing SSC via conference call.

**DATES:** The conference call will be held October 21, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call and listening stations will be available. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Leard, Interim Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Standing SSC will discuss and develop recommendations for the Council on a 5-year research plan for fisheries managed by the Council. Once approved by the Council at its October 2008 meeting, the 5-year research plan will be submitted to the NMFS for implementation and funding.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Standing SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Actions will be restricted to the issue specifically identified in the agenda 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 Standing SSC's intent to take action to address the emergency.

The conference call will begin at 9:30 a.m. EDT and conclude no later than 12:30 p.m. EDT. Listening stations are available at the following locations:

The Gulf Council office (see **ADDRESSES**), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) offices as follows:

*St. Petersburg, FL*

263 13th Ave. S., St Petersburg, FL 33701, Contact: Carolyn Potter, telephone: (727) 551-5705;

*Miami, FL*

75 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami, FL 33149, Contact: Sonia Prevo, telephone: (305) 361-4200; and

*Panama City, FL*

3500 Delwood Beach Rd., Panama City, FL 32408, Contact: Janice Hamm, telephone: (850) 234-6541.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public hearings on draft Amendment 20 (Trawl Rationalization) to its groundfish fishery management plan (FMP). These hearings are preparatory to the final Council decision on Amendment 20, scheduled for the November 2-7, 2008 Council meeting, in San Diego, CA.

**DATES:** The hearings will be held on October 27-29, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Hearing locations will be held in Newport, OR, Olympia, WA, Eureka, CA, Astoria, OR, and Santa Cruz, CA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific addresses.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.