

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,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. E8-23545 Filed 10-3-08; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XK88

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.

Special Accommodations

The listening stations are 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XK89

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These public hearings are being held in preparation for a Council final decision on trawl rationalization scheduled for its November 2008 meeting. The agenda for the November 2008 Council meeting will be published in a subsequent **Federal Register**, prior to the actual meeting. The analytical package supporting the Council deliberations (including a preliminary draft environmental impact statement) is available from the Council web site (www.pcouncil.org) and on request from the Council office.

Schedule for Public Hearings

Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the draft Amendment 20 at the following dates, times and locations:

October 27, 2008 (2 P.M.):

- Best Western Agate Beach Inn, (2 sections of Ballroom TBD), 3019 N. Coast Highway, Newport, OR, telephone: (541) 265-9411.

October 28, 2008 (Olympia, 3 P.M., Eureka, 2 P.M.):

- Washington Dept. of Fish Wild, Natural Resources Building, 1st Floor, Room 172, 1111 Washington Street NE, Olympia, WA 98504.

- Red Lion, Evergreen Ballroom, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA.

October 29, 2008 (3 P.M.):

- Holiday Inn Express, Riverview 1 and 2, 205 West Marine Drive, Astoria, OR.

- University Inn and Conf Center, Sierra Room, 611 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

These hearings are exclusively for the purpose of receiving public comment on draft Amendment 20 to the groundfish FMP and the accompanying analytical package. No formal actions will be taken at the hearings.

Special Accommodations

The hearings 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 (voice), or (503) 820-2299 (fax) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 1, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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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Scientific Data Stewardship Project Office for 2009

AGENCY: National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service Program Office (NESDISPO), National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service (NESDIS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: The Scientific Data Stewardship (SDS) Project seeks to support the development and stewardship of Climate Data Records (CDRs) for the atmosphere, cryosphere, oceans, and land surface. The Project follows the National Research Council's 2004 distinction between Fundamental and Thematic Climate Data Records, and is initially focused on Fundamental CDRs and lower complexity Thematic CDRs. The SDS Project is managed by NOAA, but is informed by other government agencies such that its results represent a government-wide contribution to climate change detection, assessment, understanding, adaptation and/or mitigation.

DATES: Letters of Intent should be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time, October 31, 2008. Full proposals must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time, December 15, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Applications are available at <http://www.grants.gov>. If the applicant does Internet it take several weeks, involving multiple steps. In order to allow sufficient time for this process, applicants should register as soon as possible, even if they are not yet ready to submit their proposal. If an applicant has problems downloading the application package from Grants.gov, contact Grants.gov Customer Support at (800) 518-4726 or support@grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SDSPO Grants Manager: Linda S. Statler, NOAA Scientific Data Stewardship Project Office, 151 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801; Phone: 828-271-4657; E-mail: Linda.S.Statler-at-noaa.gov. SDSPO Project Manager: Jeff Privette, NOAA Scientific Data Stewardship Project Office, 151 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801; Phone: 828-271-4331; E-mail: Jeff.Privette-at-noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its climate mandate, the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has a responsibility to provide the Nation with objective data and tools to help characterize, understand, predict, mitigate and coordinate its Climate Data Record (CDR) activities with other agencies through the U.S. adapt to climate change and variability. To help fulfill that responsibility, NOAA has begun Climate Change Science Program (CCSP). The National Research Council defines a CDR as "a time series of measurements of sufficient length, consistency, and continuity to determine climate variability and change." NOAA's National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) initiated the Scientific Data Stewardship (SDS) Project (hereafter referred to as the Project) to lead the Agency's CDR activities and to coordinate with the partner agencies. Given that early algorithm development is supported elsewhere, the Project is focused on the generalization and application of mature algorithms to multiple satellites and sensors which together span climate-relevant time periods. It also supports development of Climate Information Records (CIRs), defined as time series derived from CDRs and related long-term measurements that provide specific information (e.g., drought area, hurricane trends) about complex environmental phenomena in a manner useful to a variety of applications and user communities. Together, the various SDS products serve a wide range of scientific, commercial, decision support and policy-making needs. Various CDRs have been developed in the past, most notably through the NOAA-NASA Pathfinder Program in the 1990s. NOAA intends to leverage lessons from such efforts into a more systematic, comprehensive and sustained program. To help achieve this, the Project plans to execute its responsibilities in partnership with the larger scientific community through regular NOAA Announcements of Opportunity as well as through community reviews and working groups. The Project represents one of NOAA's primary contributions to the CCSP's climate data goals.

Electronic Access: The full text of the full funding opportunity announcement for this program can be accessed via the Grants.gov Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>. The announcement will also be available by contacting the program officials identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Applicants must comply with all requirements contained in the full funding opportunity announcement.

Statutory Authority: 49 U.S.C. 44720(b) and 33 U.S.C. 883d.