

sea bass, red porgy and gag. The Council will also receive a status report of Snapper Grouper Amendment 16, Protected Species Issues, VMS Compliance report from Law Enforcement, and review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary.

From 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., the Council will receive status reports from NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center on the Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans, a progress report on aging red and black grouper, 2007 and 2008 headboat data entry, and the status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate of the following species: Atlantic king mackerel and Spanish mackerel, black sea bass, golden tilefish, snowy grouper, red porgy, greater amberjack, dolphin, wahoo, vermilion snapper, gag, red snapper, mutton snapper, and yellowtail snapper.

From 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., the Council will receive agency and liaison reports, discuss other business and upcoming meetings.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

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Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment, the times and sequence specified on this agenda are subject to change.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 4, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XP25**

#### 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 will convene a meeting of the Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009 and conclude by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton, 2225 N. Lois Ave., Tampa, FL 33607, (813) 877-6688.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Carrie Simmons, Fishery Biologist; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AP will meet jointly with the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on the first day of the meeting. The AP and SSC will receive a brief orientation for new members and will hear presentations on update assessments for gag and red grouper. The last full benchmark assessments for these stocks were completed in 2007 (SEDAR 10 for gag and SEDAR 12 for red grouper). The AP and SSC will also hear a presentation on the issues and preferred alternatives in Reef Fish Amendment 31 that address bycatch of sea turtles in the bottom longline reef fish fishery.

Following the presentations, the AP and SSC will reconvene separately. The AP will discuss the gag and red grouper update assessments, and provide comments and recommendations concerning the assessments. The AP will discuss and provide comments and recommendations on Amendment 31. The AP will also elect a new Chair and Vice-chair. The comments and recommendations of the AP will be presented to the Council at its June 15-18, 2009 meeting in Tampa, FL.

Copies of the agendas and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

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#### Special Accommodations

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XP30**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling public meetings of its Monkfish Advisory Panel and its Monkfish Committee, on June 2, 2009 and June 3, 2009, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This Advisory Panel meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 9 a.m. and the Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street,

Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Monkfish Advisory Panel and the Committee will finalize recommendations to the Councils for measures to be considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Amendment 5, including, but not limited to: biological and management reference points; specifications of catch target and management measures to achieve the targets (DAS, trip limits and other measures); modifications, additions or deletions to the management measures currently in the plan; and, if time allows, catch share programs (ITQs and/or sectors). The Committee will consider Advisory Panel recommendations in finalizing its recommendations to the Mid-Atlantic Council at their June 9-11 meeting and to the New England Council at its June 23-25 meeting.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XP27**

### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, June 1-9, 2009, at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday June 3 continuing through Tuesday June 9, 2009. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, June 1 and continue through Saturday June 6. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1 and continue through Wednesday June 3, 2009. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Council Plenary Session:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports
  - Executive Director's Report (including review of Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPPs)
  - NMFS Management Report
  - Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report
  - NOAA Enforcement Report
  - U.S. Coast Guard Report
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
  - Protected Species Report (Including update on Steller Sea Lion Biological Opinion)

2. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Issues: Review alternatives for Central GOA Rockfish Program; review alternatives for parallel waters issue in

Pacific cod sector split; review discussion paper on GOA vessel capacity (T).

3. BSAI Fixed Gear Parallel Fisheries: Final action on amendment to limit access in Pacific cod parallel waters fishery.

4. BSAI Crab Program: Initial review of Emergency Delivery Relief analysis; review discussion papers; Rights of First Refusal (ROFR), Western Aleutian Island golden king crab regionalization and Processing Quota (PQ) issues, extinguishing crab PQ, and Leasing restrictions (T); discuss plan for 5-year review of the program and provide direction; approve Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation report and refine crab rebuilding plan alternatives.

5. Bering Sea Salmon Bycatch: Refine alternatives for the chum salmon bycatch analysis; receive discussion paper and committee report on salmon bycatch data collection.

6. Marine Protection Act Nomination Process: Review status and discuss next steps (T).

7. National Issues: Initial review of analysis to establish permit fees for all fisheries; discuss workplan to meet Annual Catch Limits (ACL) requirements and take action as necessary.

8. Groundfish Issues: Initial review analysis of bottom trawl gear sweep requirements; Initial review of analysis to set catch specifications for the BSAI skate complex.

9. Ecosystem issues: Status report on the Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC); Review of the Northern Bering Sea Research Plan.

10. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking; discuss Rural Outreach Committee activities; review groundfish policy objectives and workplan.

11. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. BSAI Crab Program
2. Salmon Bycatch Data Collection Committee Report
3. National Issues
4. Ecosystem Issues

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council, except for #1 reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

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