

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a series of public hearings pertaining to Amendment 30 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

**DATES:** The meetings will be held from April 15, 2013 through April 25, 2013. All meetings will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. except for the April 23, 2013 meeting in North Charleston, SC. This meeting will follow a Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel meeting and will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific meeting locations.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; telephone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting locations are as follows:

1. *Monday, April 15, 2013:* Jacksonville Marriott, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256; telephone: (904) 296–2222.

2. *Tuesday, April 16, 2013:* Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920; telephone: (321) 784–0000.

3. *Wednesday, April 17, 2013:* Holiday Inn Key Largo, 99701 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037; telephone: (305) 451–2121.

4. *Tuesday, April 23, 2013:* Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (843) 308–9330.

5. *Thursday, April 25, 2013:* Doubletree by Hilton New Bern/ Riverfront, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560; telephone: (252) 638–3585.

The items of discussion are as follows:

*Public Hearing:* Amendment 30 to the Snapper Grouper FMP

1. This amendment considers a requirement for vessels with a Federal South Atlantic Commercial Snapper Grouper Permit that harvest snapper grouper stocks to be equipped with a satellite communications system (Vessel Monitoring Systems or VMS) in order to monitor fishing activities. The SAFMC is not considering a requirement for VMS on recreational or for-hire vessels unless these vessels also have a Federal South Atlantic Commercial Snapper Grouper Permit.

2. Written comments may be directed to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, SAFMC (see *Council address*) or via email to: [SGAmend30Comments@safmc.net](mailto:SGAmend30Comments@safmc.net). Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 3, 2013.

Council staff will present an overview of the amendment and will be available for informal discussions and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record after the presentation to record their comments on the public hearing topics for consideration by the Council. Local Council representatives will attend the meetings and listen to public comment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

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

Dated: March 18, 2013.

**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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**Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 31 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Assessment Workshop Webinars 7 and 8.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 31 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery will consist of a series of workshops and supplemental webinars. This notice is for two webinars in the Assessment Workshop portion of the SEDAR process. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 31 Assessment Workshop Webinars 7 and 8 will be held on April 11 and 18, 2013, respectively. The webinars will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude no later than 5 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The SEDAR 31 Assessment Workshop Webinars 7 and 8 will be held via GoToWebinar. The webinars are open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Ryan Rindone at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request meeting information at least 24 hours in advance.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Rindone, SEDAR Coordinator; telephone: (813) 348–1630; email: [ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process including a workshop and webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report

which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Consensus Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the SEDAR 31 Assessment Workshop Webinars 7 and 8 are as follows:

Panelists will continue to review the progress of modeling efforts for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

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#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SEDAR office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

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

Dated: March 18, 2013.

**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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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 through Thursday, April 11, 2013. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Raleigh Crabtree, 4700 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh, NC 27612; telephone: (919) 881-0000.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Tuesday, April 9, 2013

1:30 until 3 p.m.—The RSA Committee will meet.

3 p.m.—The Council will convene.

3 p.m. until 4 p.m.—2014 Tilefish ABC will be discussed.

4 p.m. until 5 p.m.—The Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) will be discussed.

5 p.m. until 6 p.m.—A Listening Session will be held.

##### Wednesday, April 10, 2013

9 a.m.—The Council will convene.

9 a.m. until 12 noon—The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the December 2012 and February 2013 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report,

the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

1 p.m. until 2 p.m.—Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish will be discussed.

2 p.m. until 4 p.m.—The Omnibus Recreational Amendment will be discussed.

4 p.m. until 5 p.m.—Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) will be discussed.

##### Thursday, April 11, 2013

8:30 a.m.—The Council will convene.

8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.—A Forage Fish Workshop will be held.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are:

##### Tuesday, April 9, 2013

The RSA Committee will discuss the National Marine Fisheries Service response to our Council letter and the next steps. The Council will review, discuss, and recommend any changes to the 2014 Tilefish ABC. The Council will review and approve the draft environmental assessment for the SBRM Omnibus Amendment. The Council will hold a Listening Session.

##### Wednesday, April 10, 2013

The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the December 2012 and February 2013 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business. The Council will discuss the Squid workshop results and summary and the staff recommendation on the workshop results to include control dates, roll-over provisions, GRAs, port meetings, etc. The Council will review and approve the Omnibus Recreational Public Hearing Document. The Council will discuss potential reauthorization of the MSA and identify issues for Monitoring our Nations Fisheries III.

##### Thursday, April 11, 2013

A Forage Fish Workshop will be held to discuss the key issues relevant to forage fish assessment and management under the MSA. A panel of experts will discuss the role of forage species within ecosystems and best practices with respect to their exploitation, taking their role(s) within ecosystems into account.

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