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Dated: September 25, 2015.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE204**

#### Endangered Species; File No. 19621

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mike Arendt, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division, 217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before November 4, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 19621 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Hapeman or Malcolm Mohead, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant requests a five-year permit to assess the distribution, relative abundance, demographic structure, and health of foraging sea turtles in the waters of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Researchers would capture by trawl or tangle net; annual requested take numbers per species vary by year and project. Turtles would have the following procedures performed before release: Measure, flipper tag; passive integrated transponder tag; photograph/video; tumor, scute, blood, fecal, and tissue sampling; cloacal swab; ultrasound; weigh; carapace marking; and epibiota removal. A subset of animals would receive an epoxy-attached transmitter before release. A subset of 20 Kemp's ridleys annually would be temporarily transported to a facility for laparoscopy to validate testosterone radioimmunoassay thresholds for assigning sex. The applicant also requests a limited number of mortalities due to capture over the life of the permit: 5 loggerheads, 2 Kemp's ridley, 2 greens, and 2 leatherbacks.

Dated: September 29, 2015.

**Julia Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold twelve public hearings/workshops and two webinars to solicit public comments on Amendment 39—Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper, Amendment 41—Charter for-hire Red Snapper Management, and Amendment 42—Headboat Reef Fish Management.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held October 19–November 3, 2015. The meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and will conclude no later than 9 p.m. For specific dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Written public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. e.s.t., Friday, November 6, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The public documents can be obtained by contacting the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; (813) 348-1630 or on their Web site at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

**Meeting addresses:** The meetings will be held in Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Houston, and League City, TX; Gulfport, MS; Mobile and Orange Beach/Gulf Shores, AL; Destin, Clearwater and St. Petersburg, FL; Baton Rouge and Houma, LA, and two webinars. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Public comments:** Comments may be submitted online through the Gulf Council's public portal by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on "CONTACT US".

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the following twelve hearings/workshops and two webinars are as follows: Council staff will brief the public on the respective amendment(s) for each meeting, including Amendment 39—Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper, Amendment 41—Charter for-hire Red Snapper Management, and Amendment 42—Headboat Reef Fish Management. Staff will then open the meeting for questions and public comments. The schedule is as follows:

#### Locations, Schedules, and Agendas

*Monday, October 19, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Amendments 39, 41 and 42—*Courtyard Marriott Gulfport Beachfront, 1600 East Beach Boulevard, Gulfport, MS 39501; telephone: (228) 864-4310; *Amendment 39—*Hilton Garden Inn, 6717 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412; telephone: (361) 991-8200.

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Amendment 39—Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: (251) 438–4000; Amendment 39—Embassy Suites San Antonio, 10110 US Highway 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78216; telephone: (210) 525–9999.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Amendment 39—Hampton Inn and Suites, 2320 Gulf Freeway South, League City, TX 77573; telephone: (281) 614–5437; Amendments 41 and 42—Adult Activity Center; 26251 Canal Road, Orange Beach, AL; (251) 981–3440.

Thursday, October 22, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Amendments 39, 41 and 42—Embassy Suites, 570 Scenic Gulf Drive, Destin, FL 32550; telephone: (850) 337–7000; Amendments 41 and 42—Hilton Galveston Island, 5400 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77551; telephone: (409) 744–5000.

Monday, October 26, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Amendments 41 and 42—Marriott Clearwater Beach on Sand Key, 1201 Gulf Boulevard, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767; telephone: (727) 596–1100.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Amendment 39—Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park, 950 Lake Carillon Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716; telephone: (727) 540–0050.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Webinar public hearing for Amendment 39, register to participate at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6937796694781610242>.

Thursday, October 29, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; Webinar workshop for Amendments 41 and 42, register to participate <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3438241399083407617>.

Monday, November 2, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; for Amendment 39—DoubleTree, 4964 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; telephone: (225) 925–1005.

Tuesday, November 3, 2015, from 6–9 p.m.; for Amendments 41 and 42—Courtyard Marriott, 142 Library Drive, Houma, LA 70360; telephone: (985) 223–8996.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira (see ADDRESSES), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: September 29, 2015.

**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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#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panel for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review Workshops

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

**ACTION:** Notice; nominations for Advisory Panel.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS solicits nominations for the “SEDAR Pool,” also known as the Advisory Panel for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Workshops. The SEDAR Pool is comprised of a group of individuals who may be selected to consider data and advise NMFS regarding the scientific information, including but not limited to data and models, used in stock assessments for oceanic sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. Nominations are being sought for a 5-year appointment (2016–2021). Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, and non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership on the SEDAR Pool.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before November 4, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations and request the SEDAR Pool Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [SEDAR.pool@noaa.gov](mailto:SEDAR.pool@noaa.gov).
- *Mail:* Karyl Brewster-Geisz, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Include on the envelope the following identifier: “SEDAR Pool Nomination.”

- *Fax:* 301–713–1917.

Additional information on SEDAR and the SEDAR guidelines can be found at <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/>. The terms of reference for the SEDAR Pool, along with a list of current members, can be found at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/SEDAR/SEDAR.htm>.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz, (301) 425–8503.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Section 302(g)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, states that each Council shall establish such advisory panels as are necessary or appropriate to assist it in carrying out its functions under the Act. For the purposes of this section, NMFS applies the above Council provision to the HMS Management Division (See Section 304(g)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which provides that the Secretary will prepare fishery management plans for HMS and consult with Advisory Panels under section 302(g) for such FMPs). As such, NMFS has established the SEDAR Pool under this section. The SEDAR Pool currently consists of 33 individuals, each of whom may be selected to review data and advise NMFS regarding the scientific information, including but not limited to data and models, used in stock assessments for oceanic sharks in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. While the SEDAR Pool was created specifically for Atlantic oceanic sharks, it may be expanded to include other HMS, as needed.

The primary purpose of the individuals in the SEDAR Pool is to review, at SEDAR workshops, the scientific information (including but not limited to data and models) used in stock assessments that are used to advise NMFS, as a delegate to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), about the conservation and management of the Atlantic HMS, specifically but not limited to, Atlantic sharks. Individuals in the SEDAR Pool, if selected, may participate in the various data, assessment, and review workshops during the SEDAR process of any HMS stock assessment. In order to ensure that the peer review is unbiased, individuals who participated in a data and/or assessment workshop for a particular stock assessment will not be allowed to serve as reviewers for the same stock assessment. However, these individuals may be asked to attend the review workshop to answer specific questions from the reviewers concerning the data and/or assessment workshops. Members of the SEDAR Pool may serve as members of other Advisory Panels concurrent with, or following, their service on the SEDAR Pool.