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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Citizen Science Advisory Panel Action Teams.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold five meetings of its Citizen Science Advisory Panel Action Teams via webinar.

DATES: The meetings will be held Friday, August 11, 2017 at 10 a.m. (Communication/Outreach/Education), Monday, August 14 at 1 p.m. (Projects/Topics Management), Monday, August 14 at 6 p.m. (Volunteers), Tuesday, August 15 at 1 p.m. (Data Management), and Monday, August 28 at 1 p.m. (Finance). Each meeting is scheduled to last approximately 75 minutes. Additional Action Team webinar and plenary webinar dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meetings will be held via webinar and are open to members of the public. Webinar registration is required and registration links will be posted to the Citizen Science program page of the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amber Von Harten, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8433 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: amber.vonharten@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) created a Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool in June 2017. The Council appointed members of the Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool to five Action Teams in the areas of *Volunteers, Data Management, Projects/Topics Management, Finance, and Communication/Outreach/Education* to develop program policies and operations for the Council's Citizen Science Program.

Each Action Team will meet to begin work on developing recommendations on program policies and operations to be reviewed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee.

Items to be addressed during these meetings:

1. Appointment of Action Team Chair(s)
2. Review and Prioritization of Terms of Reference
3. Work Plan for Action Team Tasks
4. Schedule of Action Team Webinar Meetings
5. Other Business

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.

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public scoping meeting via webinar pertaining to Amendment 31 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic and

Gulf of Mexico (FMP). The draft amendment includes options to remove Atlantic cobia from the FMP or establish complementary management of Atlantic cobia.

DATES: The public scoping meeting will be held via webinar on August 15, 2017 at 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is soliciting public input on options for the management of Atlantic cobia. Atlantic cobia are currently managed by the Council in federal waters from the Florida/Georgia state line north through New York. Options include continuing efforts to develop a complementary management plan with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) or the complete transfer of Atlantic cobia management to the ASMFC. The recreational fishery for Atlantic cobia closed in federal waters earlier this year after NOAA Fisheries determined the annual catch limit would be met. The majority of Atlantic cobia are caught off the coasts of northeastern North Carolina and Virginia are generally harvested from state waters. The Council is considering options for management in order to allow additional flexibility for the fishery.

The public scoping webinar will consist of a presentation by Council staff, a question and answer session, and formal public comment. Written comments will also be accepted via the online comment form. Registration for the webinar is required. Registration information, briefing materials and the public comment form will be available at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/public-hearing-and-scoping-meeting-schedule/> on or before August 1, 2017. Written comments may also be submitted to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**). Comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2017.

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