

Council will review and clarify unresolved details related to alternatives under consideration in the amendment. Next, it will review results from the Management Strategy Evaluation process used to develop a new acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule for Atlantic herring. Finally, the Council potentially will select preferred alternatives for an ABC control rule. Following these actions, the Council will adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

The second day of the meeting will begin with a report from the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC) summarizing results from the 2017 stock assessments for Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will report next with 2018–19 overfishing limit (OFL) and ABC recommendations for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and the Northeast skate complex. A short SSC working group update will follow. Next, the Council will hear from U.S. representatives to the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC) and potentially approve TMGC recommendations for 2018 total allowable catches (TACs) for shared U.S./Canada groundfish stocks on Georges Bank. The TMGC considers TRAC advice when formulating recommendations. Members of the public then will be able to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3–5 minutes. Following the public comment period, the Council will receive a Groundfish Committee report, beginning with an update on Framework Adjustment 57 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. The framework includes: (1) 2018–2020 Fishery specifications; (2) 2018 TACs for U.S./Canada stocks; (3) Atlantic halibut accountability measures (AMs); (4) recreational management measures; (5) common pool trimester TAC adjustments; and (6) southern windowpane flounder AMs. During the Groundfish Committee report, the Council also will receive and potentially further discuss the TMGC's TAC recommendations for U.S./Canada shared stocks and the SSC's OFL and ABC recommendations for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. Finally, the committee will present a progress report on Groundfish Monitoring Amendment 23.

After a lunch break, the Groundfish Committee report will continue until

related business is concluded. The Skate Committee Report will follow. The Council will receive the Annual Monitoring Report on fishing year 2016 activity and then discuss Framework Adjustment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex FMP. The Council may consider final action on the framework, which was initiated to develop fishing year 2018–2019 specifications and allow the landing of barndoor skates. The Council also will receive an update on Amendment 5 to potentially develop a limited access program for skates. At the conclusion of the skate discussion, the Council will adjourn for the day.

Thursday, September 28, 2017

The third day of the meeting will begin with a preliminary discussion of 2018 Council priorities. Here, the Council will review and discuss a draft list of possible actions and tasks for further development in 2018 covering all committees. The Council will not take final action on priorities until its December meeting. Next, the Council will hear from its Scallop Committee, beginning with a summary of 2017 scallop survey results. The Council then will receive a progress report on Framework Adjustment 29 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. This framework contains: (1) Fishery specifications for the 2018 fishing year and default specifications for 2019; (2) scallop fishery AMs for yellowtail flounder and windowpane flounder; (3) Northern Gulf of Maine Management Area modifications; and (4) Closed Area I Scallop Access Area changes to be consistent with pending habitat area revisions. The Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee then will provide a progress report on developing an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank. The EBFM PDT will report on the application of operating models for a Georges Bank Ecosystem Production Unit, describing how the models could be used to support a Management Strategy Evaluation. Next, the Council will receive three brief habitat-related updates: One on the Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment; another on the Clam Dredge Framework; and a third on wind energy development.

Following a lunch break, the Council will receive an update on the status of the Council Program Review. The Research Steering Committee will report next on three issues: (1) Developing a process to prioritize Council research priorities; (2) providing input to the Northeast Cooperative Research Program; and (3) reviewing collaborative research projects. The Council then will discuss two issues related to

Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM). First the Council is expected to take final action on the SBRM Omnibus Framework Adjustment to address assigning at-sea observers to the lobster pot fleet in an unbiased manner through the Northeast Fishery Observer Program. It then will receive an update on the SBRM Three-Year Report. The Council will close out the meeting with "other business" and then potentially go into closed session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting

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 Ecosystem Committee.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ecosystem Committee will meet in Seattle, WA. The meeting will be available via web delivery and

teleconference. Web URL and teleconference line will be provided on the meeting agenda.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 22, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time (PST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA, USA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve MacLean, Council staff, phone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Ecosystem Committee meeting is to review the draft Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan being developed by Council committee. Resources will be available on the Council's Ecosystem Committee Web page at <https://www.npfmc.org/committees/ecosystem-committee/>.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting of the SEDAR Steering Committee.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR process and assessment schedule. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet Tuesday, September 26, 2017,

from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. and Wednesday, September 27, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The Steering Committee meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Charleston Airport, 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 744-4422.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, Deputy Executive Director, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: john.carmichael@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion are as follows:

1. Research Track Process
2. SEDAR Current Projects Update
3. SEDAR Future Projects Schedule
4. Budget Report

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Citizen Science Advisory Panel Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team via webinar.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, September 22, 2017 at 10 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to last approximately 90 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 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.

The Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team will meet to continue work on developing recommendations on program policies and operations to be reviewed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee.