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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The agenda for the following six hearings is as follows: NEMFC staff will brief the public on the herring amendments and the contents of the DEIS prior to opening the hearing for public comments and the schedule is as follows:

*Public Hearings: Locations, Schedules, and Agendas*

1. *Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 6–8 p.m.*; University of Rhode Island, 215 S. Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882; phone: (401) 423-1943.

2. *Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 6–8 p.m.*; Samoset Hotel, 220 Warrenton Street, Rockport, ME 04856; phone: (207) 594-2511.

3. *Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 6–8 p.m.*; Beauport Hotel; 55 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA; phone: (978) 282-0008.

4. *Tuesday, June 5, 2018 from 4–5 p.m.*; DoubleTree by Hilton, 237 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107; phone: (215) 893-1600.

5. *Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 4–6 p.m.*; Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; phone: (207) 775-2311.

6. *Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 6–8 p.m.*; Chatham Community Center, 702 Main Street, Chatham, MA 02633; phone: (508) 945-5159.

7. *Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 2–4 p.m.*—Webinar Registration— <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6985865165132506115>.

*Call in information:* (415) 930-5321; Access Code: 346-818-026.

Additional information on the review is available on the Council website, [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). The public also should be aware that the hearings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XG214**

**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting and hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Hawaii Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), American Samoa Archipelago FEP, and Mariana Archipelago FEP Advisory Panels (AP) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** All APs will meet on Thursday, May 24, 2018, with the Hawaii Archipelago AP meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; The Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Mariana Archipelago FEP AP meeting from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All times listed are local island times. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813 and by teleconference. The teleconference will be conducted by telephone. The teleconference numbers are: U.S. toll-free: 1-888-482-3560 or International Access: +1 647 723-3959, and Access Code: 5228220; The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Pacific Petroleum Conference Room, Utulei Village, American Samoa, 96799; The Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association Lanai, Hagatna, Guam, 96913; and The CNMI Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Micronesian Environmental Services Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan, CNMI, 96950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

*Thursday, May 24, 2018, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report on Previous AP Recommendations
3. Council Issues

A. Action Items

- i. Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
- ii. Options for an Aquaculture Management Program
- iii. Hawaii Longline Shallow-set Fishery Hard Cap Options
- iv. Framework for Managing Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery
- v. Ecosystem Component Species Classification
- vi. Evaluation of 2017 Catch to the 2017 ACLs

B. Other Items

- i. Draft 2017 Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Reports
- ii. Comments on List of Gears by Fisheries
- iii. Council Research Priorities
  - a. Five-year Research Plan
  - b. Cooperative Research
  - c. Pelagic Fisheries Research Plan
  - d. Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Priorities

4. Hawaii FEP AP Issues

A. Report of the Subpanels

- i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
- ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
- iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
- iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel

B. Other Issues

5. Public Comment
6. Discussion and Recommendations
7. Other Business

**Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

*Thursday, May 24, 2018, 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report on Previous AP Recommendations
3. Council Issues

## A. Action Items

- i. American Samoa Marine Conservation Plan
- ii. Options for an Aquaculture Management Program
- iii. American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area
- iv. Modification to U.S. Participating Territory Catch and Effort Limit Amendment 7 Framework
- v. Ecosystem Component Species Classification
- vi. Evaluation of 2017 Catch to the 2017 ACLs

## B. Other Items

- i. Draft 2017 Annual SAFE Reports
- ii. Comments on List of Gears by Fisheries
- iii. Council Research Priorities
  - a. Five-year Research Plan
  - b. Cooperative Research
  - c. Pelagic Fisheries Research Plan
  - d. MSE Priorities
4. American Samoa FEP AP Issues

## A. Report of the Subpanels

- i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
- ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
- iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
- iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel

## B. Other Issues

5. Public Comment
6. Discussion and Recommendations
7. Other Business

**Schedule and Agenda for the Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

*Thursday, May 24, 2018, 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report on Previous AP Recommendations
3. Council Issues

## A. Action Items

- i. Modification to U.S. Participating Territory Catch and Effort Limit Amendment 7 Framework
- ii. Options for an Aquaculture Management Program
- iii. Ecosystem Component Species Classification
- iv. Evaluation of 2017 Catch to the 2017 ACLs

## B. Other Items

- i. Draft 2017 Annual SAFE Reports
- ii. Comments on List of Gears by Fisheries
- iii. Council Research Priorities
  - a. Five-year Research Plan
  - b. Cooperative Research
  - c. Pelagic Fisheries Research Plan
  - d. MSE Priorities
4. Guam Mariana FEP AP Issues

## A. Report of the Subpanels

- i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
- ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
- iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
- iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel

## B. Other Issues

5. Public Comment
6. Discussion and Recommendations
7. Other Business

**Schedule and Agenda for the CNMI Mariana Archipelago FEP AP Meeting**

*Thursday, May 24, 2018, 6 p.m.–8 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report on Previous AP Recommendations
3. Council Issues

## A. Action Items

- i. Modification to U.S. Participating Territory Catch and Effort Limit Amendment 7 Framework
- ii. Options for an Aquaculture Management Program
- iii. Ecosystem Component Species Classification
- iv. Evaluation of 2017 Catch to the 2017 ACLs

## B. Other Items

- i. Draft 2017 Annual SAFE Reports
- ii. Comments on List of Gears by Fisheries
- iii. Council Research Priorities
  - a. Five-year Research Plan
  - b. Cooperative Research
  - c. Pelagic Fisheries Research Plan
  - d. MSE Priorities
4. CNMI Mariana FEP AP Issues

## A. Report of the Subpanels

- i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
- ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
- iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
- iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel

## B. Other Issues

5. Public Comment
6. Discussion and Recommendations
7. Other Business

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

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**Fisheries of the 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 SEDAR 57 Data Webinar for Caribbean spiny lobster.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 57 stock assessment process for Caribbean spiny lobster will consist of a Data Workshop, a series of data and assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 57 Data Webinar will be held May 23, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366; email: *Julie.neer@safmc.net*.

**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 multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for