

follows: Council staff will brief the public on the purpose and need of the amendment. The Council is currently considering aligning federal regulations in the EEZ off Florida with those of the state of Florida and creating an enhanced cooperative management procedure with Florida for federal waters off Florida. Council staff will also provide an overview of the actions and alternatives considered in the amendment including the Council preferred alternatives. Staff and a Council member will be available to answer any questions and the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony on the amendment and other related testimony. The schedule is as follows:

*Tuesday, August 2, 2018; Webinar 6 p.m.—9 p.m. EST at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/552356550647070721>.*

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.—Meeting Adjourns

The public hearing will be broadcast via webinar. You may also register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Public Hearing meeting on the calendar.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Gulf Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 16, 2018.

**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

#### Coral Reef Conservation Program

**AGENCY:** Coral Reef Conservation Program, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting, Notice of Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a public meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF). Written comments must be received on or before

July 26, 2018. For specific dates, times, and locations of the public meetings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, August 16, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on to the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force by any of the following methods:

*Public Meeting and Oral Comments:* A public meeting will be held in Pago Pago, American Samoa at the Rex H. Lee Auditorium, Highway 1, Utulei.

*Written Comments:* Please direct written comments to Jennifer Koss, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, 1305 East-West Highway, N/OCRM, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Koss, NOAA USCRTF Steering Committee Point of Contact, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program, 1305 East-West Highway, N/OCRM, Silver Spring, MD 20910 at 301–533–0777 or Liza Johnson, USCRTF Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, MS–3530–MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 at (202) 208–5004 or visit the USCRTF website at <http://www.coralreef.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting provides a forum for coordinated planning and action among federal agencies, state and territorial governments, and nongovernmental partners. Registration is requested for all events associated with the meeting. This meeting has time allotted for public comment. All public comments must be submitted in written format. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the USCRTF website within two months of occurrence. For information about the meeting, registering and submitting public comments, go to <http://www.coralreef.gov>.

Commenters may address the meeting, the role of the USCRTF, or general coral reef conservation issues. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment, including personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Established by Presidential Executive Order 13089 in 1998, the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force mission is to lead, coordinate and strengthen U.S. government actions to better preserve

and protect coral reef ecosystems. Co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and Interior, Task Force members include leaders of 12 federal agencies, seven U.S. states and territories and three freely associated states.

The meeting will be held Thursday, August 16, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Pago Pago, American Samoa at the Rex H. Lee Auditorium, Highway 1, Utulei.

**Nicole R. LeBoeuf,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## 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 scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a series of public scoping meetings via webinar pertaining to three amendments to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the South Atlantic Region. Amendment 47 considers modifications to the federally permitted South Atlantic snapper grouper for-hire fishery. Regulatory Amendment 29 considers options to implement best fishing practices and remove powerhead restrictions in the federal waters off the coast of South Carolina. Regulatory Amendment 32 addresses options for revisions to the in-season accountability measures for yellowtail snapper.

**DATES:** The scoping meetings will be held via webinar on the following dates: Amendment 47—August 6, August 9, and August 14, 2018; Regulatory Amendment 29—August 7 and August 8, 2018 and; Regulatory Amendment 32—August 15 and August 16, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The scoping meetings will be conducted via webinar.

*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; phone: (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 scoping meetings will be conducted via webinar accessible via the internet from the Council's website at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net). The scoping meetings will begin at 6 p.m. Registration for the webinars is required. Registration information will be posted on the Council's website at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net) as it becomes available.

Public scoping is the beginning phase of amendment development. The Council will gather public input and ideas on how to solve a fishery problem or address a need. The public is encouraged to identify issues, potential impacts, and reasonable solutions for options being considered in each amendment.

#### **Amendment 47 to the Snapper Grouper FMP**

Amendment 47 considers options for limiting entry into the for-hire Snapper Grouper fishery, establishing a mechanism that would allow new entrants into the for-hire Snapper Grouper fishery under limited entry, and modifying regulations that prevent anglers onboard federally permitted for-hire Snapper Grouper vessels from possessing Snapper Grouper species in state waters when harvest of these species closes in federal waters.

#### **Regulatory Amendment 29 to the Snapper Grouper FMP**

Regulatory Amendment 29 addresses the use of best fishing practices to reduce discards and discard mortality for species in the snapper grouper management complex, including: The use of venting tools and descending devices to release fish experiencing barotrauma, modification to the non-stainless-steel circle hook requirement, and specification of allowable rigs. The draft amendment also includes options to modify current regulations for the use of powerhead gear.

#### **Regulatory Amendment 32 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan**

Regulatory Amendment 32 considers modifications to yellowtail snapper accountability measures (AM) to minimize the probability of in-season closures and consequent socio-economic impacts.

During the scoping meetings, Council staff will present an overview of the amendment and will be available for informal discussions and to answer questions via webinar. Members of the

public will have an opportunity to go on record to record their comments for consideration by the Council. Public scoping documents and presentations for each amendment will be posted to the Council's website at <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/public-hearings-scoping-meetings/> as they become available.

Written comments may also be submitted and must be received by 5 p.m. on August 17, 2018. The Council requests that written comments be submitted using the online public comment forms that will be posted the Council's website at <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/public-hearings-scoping-meetings/> as they become available. Written comments may also be submitted to: Gregg Waugh, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 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.*

Dated: July 16, 2018.

**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**

#### **Notice Requesting Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES)**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for membership nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is seeking highly qualified individuals who are knowledgeable about the commercial space-based remote sensing industry and uses of space-based remote sensing data to serve on the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES). The Committee is comprised of leaders in the commercial space-based remote sensing industry, space-based remote sensing data users, government, and academia. The

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Samira Patel, Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, NOAA Satellite and Information Services, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 8247, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-7077, email [samira.patel@noaa.gov](mailto:samira.patel@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ACCRES was established by the Secretary of Commerce on May 21, 2002, to advise the Secretary, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, on matters relating to the U.S. commercial remote sensing industry and NOAA's activities to carry out responsibilities of the Department of Commerce as set forth in 51 U.S.C. 60101, *et seq.*

Committee members serve in a representative capacity for a term of two years and may serve additional terms, if reappointed. No more than 20 individuals at a time may serve on the Committee. ACCRES will have a fairly balanced membership consisting of approximately 9 to 20 members. Nominations are encouraged from all interested U.S. persons and organizations representing interests affected by the regulation of remote sensing. Nominees must represent stakeholders in remote sensing, space commerce, space policy, or a related field and be able to attend committee meetings that are held usually two times per year. Membership is voluntary, and service is without pay. Each nomination that is submitted should include the proposed committee member's name and organizational affiliation, a brief description of the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee, and no more than three supporting letters describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are acceptable. The following contact information should accompany each submission: The nominee's name, address, phone number, fax number, and email address.

Nominations should be sent to Tahara Dawkins, Director, Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, G-101, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Nominations must be postmarked no later than 30 days from the publication date of this notice. The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the Agency's web page at: