

the RCR. The RCR permit holder is responsible for submitting this payment to NMFS on or before July 31, in the year following the crab fishing year in which landings of crab were made.

The dollar amount of the fee due is determined by multiplying the fee percentage (not to exceed 3 percent) by the ex-vessel value of crab debited from the allocation. Specific details on the Program's cost recovery provision may be found in the implementing regulations at 50 CFR 680.44.

#### Fee Percentage

Each year, NMFS calculates and publishes in the **Federal Register** the fee percentage according to the factors and methodology described at § 680.44(c)(2). The formula for determining the fee percentage is the "direct program costs" divided by "value of the fishery," where "direct program costs" are the direct program costs for the Program for the previous fiscal year, and "value of the fishery" is the ex-vessel value of the catch subject to the crab cost recovery fee liability for the current year. Fee collections for any given year may be less than, or greater than, the actual costs and fishery value for that year, because, by regulation, the fee percentage is established in the first quarter of a crab fishery year based on the fishery value and the costs of the prior year.

Based upon the fee percentage formula described above, the estimated percentage of costs to value for the 2017/2018 fishery was 1.85 percent. Therefore, the fee percentage will be 1.85 percent for the 2018/2019 crab fishing year. This is an increase of 0.28 percent from the 2017/2018 fee percentage of 1.57 percent (81 FR 32329, July 13, 2017). Although direct program costs for managing the fishery increased by 2.9 percent from 2016/2017 to 2017/2018, the increase in the fee percentage was more affected by a \$24.0 million decrease in the value of the crab harvested under the Program. Similar to previous years, the largest direct program costs are incurred by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1862; Pub. L. 109–241; Pub. L. 109–479.

Dated: July 16, 2018.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council: Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council). The meeting is open to the public, and participants may provide comments at the appropriate time during the meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 22, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, and an opportunity for public comment will be provided around 4:00 p.m. ET. Both these times and agenda topics are subject to change.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at JetBlue Airways Corporation, 27–01 Queens Plaza North, Long Island City, NY 11101. The meeting agenda, including times and topics, can be found here: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/meetings.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LeAnn Hogan, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (Phone: 240–533–0679; Fax: 301–713–0404; Email: [LeAnn.Hogan@noaa.gov](mailto:LeAnn.Hogan@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington State to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 13 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council) has been formed to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of ONMS with the business community. Additional information on the council

can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/welcome.html>.

*Matters to be Considered:* The meeting will provide an opportunity for council members to hear news from across the National Marine Sanctuary System and review and comment on program initiatives. For a complete agenda, including times and topics, please visit <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/meetings.html>. This meeting notice is being issued under Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, 16 U.S.C. 1445A.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: June 27, 2018.

**John Armor,**

*Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XG361**

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

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a public hearing via webinar to solicit public comments on Amendment 13—Spiny Lobster for Management in the Gulf of Mexico.

**DATES:** The webinar will convene on Thursday, August 2, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., EDT. The webinar will begin at 6 p.m. and will conclude no later than 9 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing will be held via webinar. *Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4701 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Morgan Kilgour, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [morgan.kilgour@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:morgan.kilgour@gulfcouncil.org); telephone: (813) 348–1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the following webinar is as

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.