

Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel and Committee will meet on Monday, September 24, 2018 (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). The purpose of this meeting is to review and provide comments on a draft public hearing document for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Chub Mackerel Amendment. This amendment will consider adding Atlantic chub mackerel (*Scomber colias*) to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. The amendment will consider potential catch limits, accountability measures, and other conservation and management measures required for stocks "in the fishery."

Background documents can be found on the Council's website (www.mafmc.org).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, 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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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings (webinars).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) will hold a series of meetings via webinar to continue the discussion on the ongoing development of salmon rebuilding plans for Klamath River fall Chinook, Sacramento River fall Chinook, Strait of Juan de Fuca natural coho, Queets River natural coho, and Snohomish River natural coho. Each meeting is scheduled for two hours with either a morning or afternoon start time. These meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The STT webinar for Klamath River fall Chinook will be held

Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The STT webinar for Sacramento River fall Chinook will be held Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The STT webinar for Strait of Juan de Fuca natural coho will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The STT webinar for Queets River natural coho will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The STT webinar for Snohomish River natural coho will be held Thursday, September 27, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The STT meetings will be held by webinar. To attend the webinars, (1) join the meeting by visiting this link <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar>, (2) enter the webinar ID: 334-312-835, and (3) enter your name and email address (required). After logging into the webinar, please (1) dial this TOLL number: 1-631-992-3221 (not a toll-free number); (2) enter the attendee phone audio access code: 729-002-541; and (3) then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). **NOTE:** We have disabled mic/speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. **Technical Information and System Requirements:** PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (See the <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov or contact him at (503) 820-2280, extension 411 for technical assistance. A public listening station will also be available at the Pacific Council office.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Ehlke, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three natural coho stocks (Queets coho, Strait of Juan de Fuca coho, and Snohomish coho) and two Chinook stocks (Sacramento River fall Chinook and Klamath River fall Chinook) were found to meet the criteria for being classified as overfished in the PFCM Review of 2017 Ocean Salmon Fisheries. Under the tenets of the Salmon Fishery

Management Plan, the STT is required to develop a salmon rebuilding plan for each of these stocks and propose them to the Council within one year.

The STT, tribal, state, Federal, and other management entities are working together to develop the salmon rebuilding plans. These meetings are the third of a series of meetings, and will focus on the development of potential recommendations to be included in each rebuilding plan. Additional topics for discussion may include, but are not limited to, outstanding data needs, data analysis, and economic aspects to be included in each plan. One meeting will occur for each of the five stocks; additional meetings will be scheduled as needed. These meetings are open to the public. All meetings will have the same webinar ID and access code.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; phone: (503) 820-2411) at least 10 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; 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 meetings of the following Citizen Science Advisory Panel Action Teams: Finance & Infrastructure; Volunteers; Projects/Topics Management; Data Management; and Communication/Outreach/Education via webinar.

DATES: The Finance & Infrastructure Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 1 p.m.; Volunteers Team on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 2 p.m.; Projects/Topics Management Team will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 10 a.m.; Data Management Team on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 10 a.m.; and Communication/Outreach/Education Team on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 2 p.m. Each meeting is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes. Additional Action Team webinars 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 website 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 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 continue work on developing recommendations on program policies and operations to be reviewed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee. Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.

Items to be addressed during these meetings:

1. Discuss work on tasks in the Terms of Reference
2. Review the draft Standard Operating Policies and Procedures (SOPPs) for the Program
3. 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.

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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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP)

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of three exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications. NMFS has made a preliminary determination that these EFP applications warrant further consideration. The applications, submitted by the San Francisco Community Fishing Association, Scott Cook, and Real Good Fish, request exemptions from prohibitions to fish for rockfish species in the non-trawl Rockfish Conservation Areas during the 2019-2020 fishing years. All three applicants request to test hook-and-line gear that selectively harvests underutilized, midwater rockfish species while avoiding bottom-dwelling, overfished rockfish species. NMFS requests public comment on these applications.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 9, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2018-0093, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0093, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. The EFP applications will be available under Supporting Documents through the same link.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Lynn Massey, West Coast Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Ste. 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4250.

- **Instructions:** Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn Massey, West Coast Region, NMFS, (562) 436-2462, lynn.massey@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is authorized by the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and the regulations implementing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act at 50 CFR 600.745, which state that EFPs may be used to authorize fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited.

At its June 2018 meeting, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) made its final recommendation to NMFS on three EFP applications. The Council considered the EFP applications concurrently with the 2019-2020 biennial harvest specifications and management process because expected catch under each EFP is included in the catch limits for groundfish stocks. All three EFP applicants request to test hook-and-line gear that selectively targets underutilized, midwater rockfish species (e.g., yellowtail rockfish) while avoiding overfished, bottom-dwelling rockfish species (e.g., yelloweye rockfish). An EFP is necessary for these activities because they will all occur in