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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 two-day meeting of its Standing, Reef Fish and Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will convene on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Wednesday, October 3, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council's new office, located at 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Froeschke, Deputy Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; john.froeschke@gulfcouncil.org; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, October 2, 2018: 8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
- II. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- III. Approval of August 2, 2018 SSC Minutes
- IV. Selection of SSC representative at October 22–25, 2018 Council meeting in Mobile, AL
- V. Discussion of “Best Scientific Information Available”
 - a. Presentation—NMFS
 - b. Presentation—SSC
- VI. Update on Red Grouper Interim Analysis
- VII. Briefing on Marine Recreation Information Program (MRIP) Transition to Improved Survey Designs

- VIII. Presentation: The Great Red Snapper Count
- IX. Summary of the SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting
- X. Discussion on “right-sizing” Stock Assessments
- XI. Review Gulf SEDAR Stock Assessment Schedule 2021

Wednesday, October 3, 2018: 8:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

- XII. Gulf of Mexico Allocation Review Triggers
- XIII. Specify the Terms of Reference (TORs) for the 2020 Operational Assessments for Gag and Greater Amberjack
- XIV. Discussion on Gulf Council Fishery Monitoring and Research Priorities for 2020–25
- XV. Discussion of “Something’s Fishy” Red Grouper Questionnaire
- XVI. Other Business
—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; 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 and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet October 1, 2018 through October 9, 2018.

DATES: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the Aleutian Room on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 continuing through Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the King Salmon/Iliamna Room on Monday, October 1, 2018 and continue through Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dillingham/Katmai Room on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 and continue through Friday, October 5, 2018. The Ecosystem Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 in the Birch/Willow room from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone (907) 271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, October 1, 2018 through Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Executive Director's Report (including report on ideas for public forums, SSC survey workgroup report)
2. NMFS Management Report (including report on ACLIM and the IPCC climate meeting (T))
3. NOAA GC Report
4. ADF&G Report
5. USCG Report
6. USFWS Report