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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA905]

#### 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 meeting of its Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP) via webinar.

**DATES:** The webinar will convene on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Visit the Gulf Council website for registration and log in information.

*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. Natasha Mendez-Ferrer, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; *natasha.mendez@gulfcouncil.org*; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible).

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; EDT**

The meeting will begin with Introduction; Election of Chair and Vice-Chair;

Adoption of Agenda; Approval of Minutes from the October 9, 2018 webinar; and, review of Scope of Work with its members.

The AP will receive an update on the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Landings; SEDAR 28 Update: Gulf Migratory Group Cobia—with presentations on the stock assessment and results, Something's Fishy, and Draft Management Alternatives. The AP will then provide recommendations.

Following lunch, the AP will receive an update on SEDAR 38: Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel—with presentations on the stock assessment and results, Something's Fishy, and scoping of management alternatives. The AP will then provide recommendations.

The AP will receive a summary on the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 34 for Atlantic King Mackerel; and will review a presentation and discuss Commercial Electronic Logbooks.

The AP will receive any public comment; and discuss any Other Business items.

—*Meeting Adjourns*

The meeting will be held via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Mackerel Advisory Panel 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](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel 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 Advisory Panel 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA846]

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application from the Coonamessett Farm Foundation contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This Exempted Fishing Permit would allow a participating party/charter fishing vessel to temporarily possess undersized black sea bass for tagging and biological sampling purposes. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 17, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by the following method:

- *Email:* [NMFS.GAR.EFP@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.GAR.EFP@noaa.gov).

Include in the subject line "Comments on CFF Black Sea Bass Tagging EFP." If you cannot submit a comment through this method, please contact Laura Hansen at 978-281-9225, or email at [Laura.Hansen@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Hansen@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Hansen, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9225, [Laura.Hansen@noaa.gov](mailto:Laura.Hansen@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coonamessett Farm Foundation (CFF) submitted a complete application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) on October 26, 2020, to conduct fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. The EFP would authorize a participating vessel to temporarily possess undersize black sea bass while conducting tagging procedures and biological sampling. This research is designed to tag and release black sea bass to study movement patterns, habitat usage, and migratory cycles for up to the 2-year battery life of the telemetry tags.