

options paper addressing short-term management measures. The Committee will review proposed measures for the wreckfish fishery through Snapper Grouper Amendment 48 and modifications to red porgy management through Snapper Grouper Amendment 50. The Committee will receive guidance on rebuilding options from NOAA Fisheries for gag grouper, discuss vermilion snapper trip limits, receive an update on the South Atlantic Red Snapper Count and the Greater Amberjack Count in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, discuss topics for the next meeting of the Snapper Grouper AP, and receive a brief on an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application.

**Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 1:30 p.m. Until 3:45 p.m.**

The Committee will receive an update on the status of Amendment 10 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP. The Amendment includes actions addressing: Revisions to recreational data and catch level recommendations; modifications to recreational accountability measures; measures to allow properly permitted commercial vessels with trap, pot or buoy gear on board to possess commercial quantities of dolphin and wahoo; removal of the current Operator Card requirement; and reductions in the recreational vessel limit for dolphin. The Council approved the amendment for Secretarial review during its June 2021 meeting. The Committee will also consider management measures to include in a future framework amendment.

*Formal Public Comment, Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 4 p.m.*—Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting on all items on the Council meeting agenda. The Council will be accepting public hearing comments on Amendment 50 to the Snapper Grouper FMP addressing management measures for red porgy.

The Council Chair will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter based on the number of individuals wishing to comment.

**Mackerel Cobia Committee, Thursday, September 16, 2021, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.**

The Committee will review Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Amendment 34 addressing management measures for Atlantic king mackerel in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico and CMP Amendment 32 addressing management measures to end overfishing for Gulf of Mexico cobia. Both amendments will be considered for public hearing approval.

**Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee, Thursday, September 16, 2021, 1:30 p.m. Until 3 p.m.**

The Committee will review Amendment 10 to the Coral FMP, which would establish a shrimp fishery access area for the deepwater shrimp fishery along the Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern and consider approving the amendment for Secretarial Review. The Committee will also receive an update on the Habitat and Ecosystem Blueprint and discuss topics for the next meeting of the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management AP.

**Council Session II, Thursday, September 16, 2021, From 3 p.m. Until 5:30 p.m., and Friday, September 17, 2021, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.**

The Council will present the 2020 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and hold elections of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Council will receive an update from NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources, review the Exempted Fishing Permit request, review the FMP Workplan, receive a staff report from the Executive Director and an update on Climate Change Scenario Planning. The Council will receive reports from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center and from the Southeast Regional Office.

The Council will receive reports from the following committees: Snapper Grouper; Dolphin Wahoo; Mackerel Cobia; and Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management.

The Council will discuss other business, upcoming meetings, and take action as necessary.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency.

*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.*

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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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 (Council) will hold a one day in-person and virtual meeting (hybrid) of its Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC).

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Friday, September 10, 2021, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The in-person meeting will take place at the Gulf Council office. If you prefer not to travel at this time, you may attend via webinar. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Ecosystem Technical Committee meeting on the calendar.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Friday, September 10, 2021; 8:30 a.m. Until 5 p.m.; EDT**

The meeting will begin with Introductions and Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting and review of Scope of Work with its members.

The ETC will receive a Mid-Term Project Summary on the Overview of Fisheries Ecosystem Planning (FEP),

Defining Fishery Ecosystem Issues, review indicators and data visualization, and discuss ETC recommendations.

The ETC will review Case Studies and Lessons Learned from other FEP efforts and provide recommendations. They will receive an Update on Stakeholder Mapping, Engagement and Mental Modelling and receive a Status Update on the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Subcommittee on Area-Based Management; and will then provide recommendations.

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

#### —Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be held in-person and via webinar (hybrid). You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Ecosystem Technical Committee 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 Technical 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 Technical 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

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Monkfish Committee via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This webinar will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5823477991354445582>.

**ADDRESSES:** *Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

The Monkfish Committee will receive a presentation on analyses related to the Council's 2021 Monkfish Priority to "Complete work recommended by the Council in June 2020 for including the 2019 discard information in the analysis of discard estimation methods undertaken in 2020". They will discuss and make recommendations for 2022 Council monkfish management priorities. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded.

Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Office of Naval Research's Arctic Research Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (Year 4)

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from Office of Naval Research (ONR) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Arctic Research Activities in the Beaufort Sea and eastern Chukchi Sea. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-time, one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision. ONR's activities are considered military readiness activities pursuant to the MMPA, as amended by the National