

fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the data scoping webinar are as follows:

Participants will discuss what data may be available for use in the assessment of Gulf of Mexico gray snapper.

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 this meeting. 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: November 15, 2021.

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

[RTID 0648-XB591]

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 in-person and virtual meeting (hybrid) of its Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Wednesday, December 8, 2021,

9 a.m.–5 p.m., EST. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Those who prefer to attend the meeting in-person may do so at the Gulf Council office. If you are unable or do not wish to travel, you may participate in the meeting via webinar. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the Shrimp AP 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. Matt Freeman, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; matt.freeman@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).

Tuesday, December 7, 2021; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. EST (8 a.m.–4 p.m. CST)

Meeting will begin with Introduction of Members, Election of Chair and Vice Chair, Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2021 meeting and Scope of Work. The AP will review Council Actions in Response to Motions from the March 2021 *Shrimp* AP Meeting and October 2021 Council Meeting Motions.

The AP will review and discuss an Update on Vessel Position Data Collection, which will include an overview of current cellular electronic logbook (cELB) units' programming and implementation, a presentation on elements of data from current cELB units, a presentation on the Gulf States Marine Fishery Commission process for data receipt, security, and storage, and discussion of a comparison table on current vessel monitoring system technical specifications and proposed technical specifications. The AP will also receive a presentation on a Case Study of South Atlantic *Rock Shrimp* VMS data inputted into the *Gulf Shrimp* effort algorithm for illustration of compatibility, the Summary of October 2021 *Shrimp* Focus Group Meeting, and a Review of Draft *Shrimp* Framework Action.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. EST (8 a.m.–4 p.m. CST)

The AP will reconvene and review a Draft Plan for Pilot Testing of VMS Units on *Gulf Shrimp* Vessels, receive an update from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management on Wind Energy

Development in the Gulf, hold a discussion on *Shark* Depredation, review the Recent *Shrimp* Biological Opinion, and receive an Update on Aquaculture Opportunity Areas.

Lastly, the AP will receive any public testimony and discuss other business items.

— Meeting Adjourns

The in-person meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the Shrimp 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 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 (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, kathy.pereira@gulfcouncil.org, 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, NEFMC) will hold a three-day meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Due to ongoing public safety considerations related to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted entirely by webinar.

DATES: The webinar meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 7, 8, and 9, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday and 9 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.

ADDRESSES: All meeting participants and interested parties can register to join the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/395560015224819215>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492; www.nefmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda***Tuesday, December 7, 2021*

After introductions and brief announcements, the Council will receive reports on recent activities from its Chair and Executive Director, the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Director, the NOAA Office of General Counsel, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, staff from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement. Next, the Council will receive a briefing from NOAA General Council on disclosure of financial interests and voting recusal regulations for Regional Fishery Management Council members.

Following the lunch break, the Council will go into the Habitat Committee report and: (1) Approve a revised Council policy on wind energy; and (2) receive an update on other ongoing habitat-related work. The Council also will receive a presentation from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Atlantic offshore wind leasing activity and have an opportunity to ask questions. The Spiny Dogfish Committee report will be next. The Council will review results of

recent spiny dogfish meetings and consider appropriate actions, including: (1) Committee and Mid-Atlantic Council recommendations to increase the federal trip limit to 7,500 pounds; and (2) potentially prioritizing a 2022 framework action to consider additional trip limit changes pending the results of the Spiny Dogfish Research Track Assessment. Then, the Council will receive a progress report on work being done by the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Subcommittee on Area-Based Management to assist the CCC in responding to the 30x30 initiative in the draft White House report titled "Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful." The Council will close out the day by reviewing and approving a Council comment letter responding to NOAA's request for input on the "Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful" report.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

The Council will begin with a presentation from GARFO on the NOAA Fisheries outreach process for development of bycatch reduction measures to reduce takes of sea turtles in trawl fisheries. Next, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center will present an overview of the 2021 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review for Gulf of Maine cod and Georges Bank cod. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) report will follow. The Council will receive SSC recommendations on overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for: (1) Atlantic sea scallops for fishing years 2022 and defaults for 2023; (2) Georges Bank cod and Gulf of Maine cod for fishing years 2022-24; (3) Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank haddock for 2022; and (4) white hake for fishing year 2022. The Council then will receive a report on the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee's November 4, 2021 intersessional meeting. After that, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3-5 minutes. These comments will be received through the webinar. A guide for how to publicly comment through the webinar is available on the Council website at https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/NEFMC-meeting-remote-participation_generic.pdf.

Following the lunch break, the Council will receive the Groundfish Committee report, which will focus on final action for Framework Adjustment 63 to the Northeast Multispecies

(Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This framework includes: (1) 2022 total allowable catches for U.S./Canada shared resources on Georges Bank (GB), which the Council approved during its September 2021 meeting; (2) 2022-23 specifications for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder; (3) 2022-24 specifications for Georges Bank cod and Gulf of Maine cod; (4) possible adjustment of 2022 specifications for Georges Bank and Gulf of Maine haddock; (5) adjustment of 2022 specifications for white hake based on rebuilding plan; (6) additional measures to promote stock rebuilding; and (7) alternatives for setting groundfish default specifications. The Council then will adjourn for the day.

Thursday, December 9, 2021

The Council will begin the third day of its meeting with the Scallop Committee report. The Council will take final action on Framework Adjustment 34 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP, which includes 2022 fishery specifications, 2023 default specifications, and the inclusion of measures that are expected to be available under Amendment 21 to the FMP, which currently is under review by NOAA Fisheries. Additionally, the Council will receive: (1) A draft report on the evaluation of the scallop fishery's rotational area management program; and (2) an update on the Scallop Survey Working Group's activities. Following the conclusion of scallop business, the Council will hear remarks from NOAA Fisheries Assistant Administrator Janet Coit, who will introduce herself to the Council in her new role as head of the National Marine Fisheries Service and provide the Council with an opportunity to ask questions.

After the lunch break, the Council will discuss and take final action on 2022 Council Priorities for all fishery management plans and other Council responsibilities. After this discussion, the Council will close out the meeting with other business.

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

Special Accommodations

This meeting is being conducted entirely by webinar. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 15, 2021.

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

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Marine Mammals; File No. 22187

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Heather E. Liwanag, Ph.D., 1 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0401, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 22187-01.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 20, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 22187 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 22187 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 22187-01 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 22187-01, issued on January 28, 2020, authorizes the permit holder to conduct research to establish a catalog of known individual northern elephant (*Mirounga angustirostris*) seals along the California coast. Types of authorized takes include behavioral observations, measurements, bioacoustic recordings, acoustic playbacks, marking, flipper tagging, capture, and non-invasive physiological sampling. The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to include authorization for 20 additional takes of northern elephant seals per year, two takes per year for 10 individuals. These animals will be captured by hand or net, sedated, fitted with satellite transmitters, swabbed, imaged with an ultrasound, weighed, and recaptured approximately three months later to remove the instruments. An additional five takes are requested for animals that are captured and released because they are not appropriate candidates for the study. The permit would remain valid until March 31, 2024.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 15, 2021.

Julia M. Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 77 Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Hammerhead Sharks Data Workshop.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 77 assessment of the Atlantic stock of hammerhead sharks will consist of a stock identification (ID) process, data webinars/workshop, a series of assessment webinars, and a review workshop. A SEDAR 77 Data Workshop has been scheduled via webinar for December 13-17, 2021. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 77 HMS Hammerhead Sharks Data Workshop has been scheduled for December 13-16 from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Eastern and December 17 from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Eastern. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Registration for the main plenary webinar and the working groups is available by contacting the SEDAR coordinator via email at Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Howington, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4371; email: Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR)