

comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activity section of this notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activity section of this notice would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and a renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond 1 year from expiration of the initial IHA).
- The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: July 18, 2023.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

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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 hybrid meeting open to the public offering both in-person and virtual options for participation.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will convene Monday, August 14 through Thursday, August 17, 2023. Times are: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., CDT.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will take place at The Driskill Hotel, located at 604 Brazos Street, Austin, TX 78701.

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. Carrie Simmons, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Monday, August 14, 2023; 8 a.m.–5 p.m., CDT

The meeting will begin in Full Council with the Induction of New Council Members. Committee Sessions will follow beginning with the Administrative/Budget Committee reviewing the 2021–22 Audit Report and Final 2023 Funded Budget and Activities Report. Information will be presented on the Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Management Councils.

The Migratory Species Committee will give an update on Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Management Measures; including, Proposed Rule: Amendment 15—Modifications of Four Commercial Longline Spatial Management Areas and Administrative Changes to Pelagic Longline Electronic Monitoring Program, Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Electronic Reporting and Scoping; Amendment 16—Revised Catch Limit for *Shark* Stocks, Modifications to Commercial and Recreational *Shark* Fisheries Management. The Data Collection Committee will receive an update on the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Reporting (SEFHIER) Program and next steps.

Following lunch, the Sustainable Fisheries Committee will review Rice's *Whale* Critical Habitat Proposed Rule and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendations for Marine

Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Cumulative Estimate Reporting; Technical Guidance for National Standard 1 Reference Points and Status Determinations and Evaluation of Interim Analysis Process. The committee will receive presentations on Allocation Reviews and, review Draft Letter on NOAA Fisheries Request for Comments on the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for National Standard Guidelines 4, 8 and 9.

The Full Council will meet in a CLOSED SESSION to receive a Litigation update.

Tuesday, August 15, 2023; 8 a.m.–5 p.m., CDT

The *Reef Fish* Committee will hold a discussion on *Gag and Black Grouper* Management Alternatives and *Shallow-water Grouper* Complex Management. The Committee will review Draft Framework Action: Modifications to the Recreational and Commercial *Greater Amberjack* Management Measures, Draft: *Snapper Grouper* Amendment 44/*Reef Fish* Amendment 55: Catch Level Adjustments and Allocations for Southeast U.S. *Yellowtail Snapper*. The Committee will receive a status update on Anticipated Endangered Species Act Proposed Rules and Section 7 Consultations, Status and Timeline Updates for Revised Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Goals and Objectives and on the Recreational Initiative.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023; 8 a.m.–5 p.m., CDT

The *Mackerel* Committee will review the SSC Recommendations for *Gulf King Mackerel* Interim Assessment and SEDAR 81: *Gulf Spanish Mackerel* Updated Stock Assessment. The Committee will review Proposed Engagement in *Mackerel* Port Meetings and Amendment to the 2015 Biological Opinion for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region.

The *Shrimp* Committee will discuss the Re-initiation of Endangered Species Action Section 7 Consultation on the Authorization of the Southeast U.S. *Shrimp* Fisheries in Federal Waters, Giant *Manta Ray* and *Shrimp* Trawl Interactions, and next steps; and, receive a status update of Side-by-Side Testing of Cellular Vessel Monitoring Systems (cVMS) and Cellular Electronic Logbooks (cELBs) on *Gulf Shrimp* Vessels.

Approximately 11:20 a.m., CDT, the Council will convene with a Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. The Council will receive a presentation Update on the

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Council will hold public comment testimony from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., CDT on fishery issues or concerns. Public comment may begin earlier than 1:30 p.m. CDT, but will not conclude before that time. Persons wishing to give public testimony in-person must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room. Persons wishing to give public testimony virtually must sign up via the link on the Council website. Registration for virtual testimony is open at the start of the meeting, Monday, August 14th at 8 a.m., CDT and closes one hour before public testimony begins on Wednesday, August 16th at 12:30 p.m. CDT. Public testimony may end before the published agenda time if all registered in-person and virtual participants have completed their testimony.

Thursday, August 17, 2023; 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., CDT

The Council will receive Committee reports from Administrative/Budget, *Migratory Species*, Data Collection, *Sustainable Fisheries*, *Reef Fish*, *Mackerel and Shrimp* Management Committees. The Council will receive updates from the following supporting agencies: Texas Law Enforcement Efforts; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE); Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Department of State.

The Council will discuss any Other Business items; any remaining updates on Litigation and hold an Election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting; both in-person and virtual participation available. You may register for the webinar to listen-in only by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and click on the Council meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group 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 these meetings. Actions 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 that 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 sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 17, 2023.

Key Israel Marquez,

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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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 seminar series presentation via webinar.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will host a presentation on the status of on-demand gear for the U.S. South Atlantic Black Sea Bass pot fishery via webinar August 8, 2023.

DATES: The webinar presentation will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The presentation will be provided via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Information, including a link to webinar registration will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/safmc-seminar-series/> as it becomes available.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8439 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will host a presentation from the National Marine Fisheries Service on the value and benefits of on-demand fishing gear for the U.S. South Atlantic Black Sea Bass pot fishery and North Atlantic Right Whales. The presentation will discuss the history of the current area closure for pot fishing during North Atlantic Right Whales calving season to reduce entanglement risk. Since 2020, experimental on-demand gear has been authorized and trialled by commercial fishermen in the black sea bass pot fishery. The researchers will discuss the potential benefits of the new gear for fishermen and discuss how the new gear presents minimal entanglement risk to endangered North Atlantic Right Whales. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Members of the public will have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. The presentation is for informational purposes only and no management actions will be taken.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is 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.*

Dated: July 17, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Request for Information; Advancing Equity and Environmental Justice in the Southeast Through the Conservation and Management of Living Marine Resources

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

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: In May 2023, NMFS finalized its first-ever national Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy. The national strategy describes the path the agency will take to incorporate equity and environmental justice into the vital