

him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marlene A. Bellman, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2414, email: [marlene.bellman@noaa.gov](mailto:marlene.bellman@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee's meeting is to update accepted practices guidelines for conducting groundfish stock assessments. The meeting will also contain presentations on two associated topics: (a) use of remotely operated vehicle data in stock assessments and (b) results of a literature review of methods addressing large area closures within stock assessments. Recommendations of SSC Groundfish Subcommittee members will inform the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments in 2025 and 2026 document, which is a compilation of guidelines for groundfish stock assessment scientists. An updated version of the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments in 2025 and 2026 document will be available and posted shortly after this meeting for stock assessment scientists and provided to the full SSC and the Pacific Council in March 2025. Representatives of the Pacific Council's Groundfish Management Team and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will also participate in the meeting as advisers.

No management actions will be decided by the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee. The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee members' role will be development of recommendations for consideration by U.S. West Coast groundfish stock assessment scientists.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris

Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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*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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#### 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 virtual meeting of its Standing and Special Mackerel Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place virtually. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the "meeting tab."

*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:** Mr. Ryan Rindone, Lead Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org); telephone: (813) 348-1630.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Thursday, December 5, 2024; 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EST*

The meeting will begin with Introductions and Adoption of Agenda, Scope of Work, and review and approval of Meeting Minutes from the July/August 2024 SSC meeting.

*The SSC Standing Committee, with the Special Mackerel SSC, will review the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) 99: Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel Terms of Reference and Volunteers, including presentations, background materials, draft schedule, and SSC discussion.*

*The Standing SSC will review and discuss the SEDAR 98: Gulf Red*

*Snapper Assessment Workshop Volunteers, followed by the review of Southeastern U.S. Black Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation including presentations, background materials and SSC Discussion. Following, the SSC will review the SEDAR 88: Gulf Red Grouper Stock Assessment, including presentations, background information, and SSC discussion. The SSC will also discuss the 2025–2028 Research and Monitoring Priorities.*

Public comments will be heard at the end of the day before any items under Other Business are discussed.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://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](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees 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

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.*

Dated: November 8, 2024.

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