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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; public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Standing, Special Reef Fish and Special Mackerel Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 6 until 12 noon Thursday, January 8, 2015.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council's office.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL, 33607.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the individual meeting agenda are as follows:

Standing, Special Reef Fish and Special Mackerel SSC Agenda, Tuesday, January 6, 2015, 1 p.m. until Thursday, January 8, 2015, 12 noon

1. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of minutes
  - a. August 6, 2013 Standing and Special Mackerel summary minutes
  - b. August 6-7, 2014 Standing and Special Reef Fish summary minutes
  - c. October 1-2, 2014 Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC summary minutes
3. Selection of SSC representative at January 26-29, 2015 Council meeting  
(Point Clear, AL)
4. Red Snapper Update Assessment
5. FWC Mutton Snapper Update Assessment
6. Greater Amberjack Rebuilding Timeline Projections
7. SEDAR 38 King Mackerel Benchmark Assessment  
*(this agenda item to be presented on Wednesday morning, January 7)*
  - a. Review South Atlantic SSC recommendations
  - b. Gulf SSC Recommendation for Overfishing Limit (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC)
8. Estimation of Red Tide Mortality on Gag
9. Ecosystem Modeling of red tide effects on gag and red grouper
10. Reevaluation of Gag OFL/ABC for 2015-16
  - a. Council concerns with previous ABC recommendation

- b. Update on red tide
- c. OFL and ABC recommendation

11. Other Business

Adjourn

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