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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the: Administrative Policy, Data Collection, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Gulf SEDAR Management Committees; in conjunction with a meeting of the Full Council.

The Council will also hold a formal public comment session.

DATES: The Council meeting will convene 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 26 and adjourn 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Grand Hotel Marriott, located at One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL 36564; telephone: (251) 928-9201.

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 for each individual management committee agenda are as follows:

Administrative Policy Committee Agenda, Monday, January 26, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.:

- Update on Advisory Panel (AP) and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Appointment Process and Structure
- Review of NMFS/NOAA Comments on 2012 Standard Operating Policies and Procedures (SOPPs)

Data Collection Committee Agenda, Monday, January 26, 2015, 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon:

- Discussion of Technical Subcommittee for Electronic Charter Boat Reporting Recommendations
- Review and Discussion of Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Calibration
- Review and Discussion of MRIP Red Snapper Workshop
- Electronic Monitoring / Electronic Reporting Implementation Plan

– Recess –

Reef Fish Management Committee Agenda, Monday, January 26, 2015, 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

- Review of Red Snapper Update Assessment
- Reevaluation of Gag Overfishing Limits (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for 2015-16
- Review of Mutton Snapper Update Assessment

- Review of Draft Amendment 39 – Red Snapper Recreational Regional Management
- Review of Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation
- Review of Greater Amberjack Draft Framework Action
- Report of the Ad Hoc For-hire Red Snapper AP
- Final Action - Framework Action to Adjust Recreational For-Hire Red Snapper Management Measures
- Review of Options Paper to Update Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Reef Fish Stocks with Low Natural Mortality
- Discussion of Red Snapper Poaching by Mexican Lanchas

– Recess –

Reef Fish Management Committee Agenda, Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

- Continuation of the previous day’s agenda

– Recess –

Immediately following committee recess Dr. Crabtree will hold a Red Snapper Update and Question & Answer Session.

Mackerel Management Committee Agenda, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.:

- Discussion of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment Renumbering

- Review of SEDAR 38 – Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King Mackerel Stock Assessment Report
- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 24 Scoping Document – South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Allocations
- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 26 Scoping Document – Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King Mackerel Allocations and Mixing Zone Delineation
- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 28 Scoping Document – Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Permit Split
- Discussion of Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel Gill Net Fishery Issues

Gulf SEDAR Management Committee Agenda, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 11:30

a.m. until 12 noon:

- Review of SEDAR Schedule

– Recess –

Council Session Agenda, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.:

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.: Call to Order and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

1:40 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.: The Council will receive an update on Red Drum

1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.: The Council will receive a briefing regarding the NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy and discuss Council Member SEDAR Workshop for June 2015.

– Recess –

3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.: The Council will receive public testimony on Final Action – Framework Action to Adjust Recreational For-hire Red Snapper Management Measures and Revised Public Hearing Draft Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation; and open public comment period regarding other fishery issues or concerns. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

– Recess –

Council Session Agenda, Thursday, January 29, 2015, 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.:

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: The Council will receive a committee report from the Reef Fish Management Committee

1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: The Council will receive committee reports from the Data Collection Management Committee, Gulf SEDAR Management Committee, Administrative Policy Committee and Mackerel Management Committee.

3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.: The Council will review Other Business items: Financial Disclosure Requirements.

– Adjourn –

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