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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 Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management (Habitat) Advisory Panel (AP) in Charleston, SC. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Wednesday, May 17, 2017, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (800) 334-6660 or (843) 571-1000

*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, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC, 29405; phone (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Items to be addressed or sessions to be conducted during this meeting include: the Council’s Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) II and Essential Fish Habitat (EFH); Draft EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs; Habitat and Ecosystem Tools supporting FEP II; National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Permit/Policy Activities; a presentation by the Sargasso Sea Commission; the South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Conservation Blueprint-refining indicators and linkages to FEP II; and proposed South Atlantic deepwater coral mapping.

Members of the AP will discuss items and provide recommendations as appropriate.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are 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.

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