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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public hearings pertaining to Amendment 11 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic Region. The amendment addresses transit provisions for the shrimp fishery.

DATES: The public hearings will be held via webinar February 5 and 6, 2020.

ADDRESSES:

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The public hearings will be conducted via webinar and begin at 6 p.m. Registration for the webinars is required. Registration information will be posted on the

Council's website at <https://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/public-hearings-scoping-meetings/> as it becomes available.

Amendment 11 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan

The draft amendment addresses transit provisions for shrimp vessels through federal waters that are closed to shrimp harvest due to cold water.

During the public hearings, Council staff will present an overview of the amendment via webinar and answer clarifying questions relevant to the proposed actions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record to record their comments for consideration by the Council.

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 public hearings.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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