

Committees to make recommendations for appointments to the Standing SSC and the Shrimp AP.

9 a.m. - 12 noon - Convene the Joint Personnel/Administrative Policy/Budget Committee. This session will be partially closed. The Administrative handbook and part of the budget action will be acted upon in open session.

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to hear recommendations of the SSC and Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP) on the Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process. They will hear a presentation by NMFS on the final results of a trolling study conducted in the Madison-Swanson Marine Reserve. They will discuss an options paper for a vermilion snapper regulatory amendment to arrest overfishing, discuss alternatives for the red snapper rebuilding plan, and review the draft Reef Fish Amendment 18 Options Paper. The committee will make recommendations to be considered by the full Council on Thursday afternoon.

July 15

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Reconvene the Reef Fish Management Committee, if necessary.

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Convene a joint meeting of the Reef Fish, Red Drum, and Mackerel Management Committees to discuss the proposed scoping document on a generic aquaculture amendment.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review and hear a presentation by NMFS on the status of shrimp stocks. They will also discuss a revised Amendment 13/ Environmental Assessment (EA) Options Paper that includes alternatives for status criteria and benchmarks as well as a revised standardized bycatch reporting methodology.

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - A NOAA Fisheries 2003 Regional Constituent Session will be held in conjunction with the Gulf of Mexico Council meeting. This will be one of eight regional constituent sessions to be held in conjunction with Fishery Management Council meetings from June through September 2003. The sessions are intended to gather public input on ways to improve the effectiveness of NOAA Fisheries. The regional sessions will be a collaborative effort involving all major marine fisheries interests - councils, commercial and recreational fishermen, tribal representatives, environmental organizations, and federal and state government. The primary objective is to assemble and provide a comprehensive analysis of the diverse opinions, attitudes, and perspectives of marine

resource stakeholders as they relate to broad themes in management and daily operations. The secondary objective is to identify performance measures for fishery management. Persons attending these sessions can direct their questions to the Director of NOAA Fisheries, the Regional Administrator of NOAA Fisheries, the Director of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center and the Agent in Charge of NOAA Fisheries Enforcement. For more information, contact Patricia Lawson 301-713-2239 or patricia.lawson@noaa.gov. Visit the NOAA Fisheries website for periodic updates on the regional sessions and to submit e-comments http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/constit_sessions_2003.html.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Continue the NOAA Fisheries 2003 Constituent Session.

July 16

8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review additional information on potential alternatives in the Amendment 15 Options Paper to increase the minimum size limit and/or reduce the bag limit on cobia in the Gulf of Mexico.

10 a.m. - 12 noon - Convene the Migratory Species Management Committee to discuss a proposed rule for Amendment 1 for the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305 (c) of the MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. A copy of the Committee schedule and agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 228-2815.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by July 7, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, July 14, 2003 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 15 through Friday, July 18.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council Office, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384; (503) 820-2280.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the GMT meeting is to prepare final recommendations regarding groundfish harvest levels and management for 2004. The GMT will also prepare reports, recommendations, and analyses in support of various Council decisions through the remainder of the year. The following specific items comprise the draft agenda, (1) prepare final acceptable biological catch (ABC) and optimum yield (OY) recommendations for 2004, (2) calculate limited entry, open access, and other allocations, (3) evaluate management options and the Environmental Impact Statement of Proposed Groundfish Management Measures and Specifications for 2004, (4) complete and/or review economic/social analysis of proposed harvest levels and management measures for 2004, (5) resolve any outstanding recreational data issues, (6) evaluate the need for inseason management adjustments, (7) evaluate new observer data and changes to the trawl bycatch model, (8) recommend a new Council