

To ensure safe laboratory procedures, each participant will need to conduct his/her operations in a manner consistent with NIST's safety policies and procedures. The participant will need to provide information regarding the technical qualifications of his/her personnel who would conduct laboratory work at NIST ("Participant Project Team"). Furthermore, the participant will need to provide a proposed safety standard operation procedure (SSOP) that would require approval from the NIST Consortium Manager. Each participant will be responsible for its Participant Project Team. Each member of the Participant Project Team working in the laboratory housing the NIST ASR Specimens will be required to take a one-time laboratory safety awareness training by NIST prior to accessing the laboratory. This training will require less than two (2) hours, and may take place before the first day of the Participant's Project Team's scheduled access to the NIST ASR specimens.

To minimize disruption to NIST's ongoing laboratory work, participants' access to the specimens will be limited. Because the kinetics of the expansion cannot be predicted accurately, NIST may not be able to provide the participants with advance notice regarding the availability of the NIST ASR Specimens to the participants for measurements. NIST will inform the participants only after the specimen undergoes a measurable change in expansion. Unless a periodic access schedule is already in place between NIST and a participant, the participant would need to be able to arrive, set-up, and conduct its measurements with as little as one (1) week of notice. In general, it is expected that the NIST ASR Specimens will be available to the participants for measurements about one (1) month after casting of the NIST ASR Specimens, and periodically for the three (3) months thereafter. NIST also intends to provide each participant with one (1) day per scheduled visit to set up the NDE equipment and to complete data collection. Participants must not employ NDE measurement processes that can alter the physical or chemical state of the existing concrete blocks.

Any data and intellectual property resulting from the research under this Consortium will be owned by the party that developed the data or intellectual property. NIST will not seek any patent protection on any invention conceived by NIST employees under this Consortium. Each participant in the Consortium will be required to inform NIST of any intellectual property developed by the members of its

Participant Project Team in the performance of the research under this Consortium. Any intellectual property conceived by a member of its Participant Project Team will be subject to a non-exclusive, non-transferrable, paid-up license to practice to have practiced the intellectual property for government purposes, including research purposes. Each participant may use its own results for internal research, but a participant may not disclose the results to the public or any other third party without the prior written permission of NIST Consortium Manager.

**Participation Process:** Eligibility will be determined by NIST based on the information provided by prospective participants in response to this notice on a first-come, first-serve basis. All participants will be required to sign the Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) for this Consortium, and each participant will be bound to the same terms and conditions in consideration of participation in the Consortium. Participants will not be required to contribute any funds or pay any fee. NIST will evaluate the written responses from prospective participants to determine eligibility to participate in this Consortium. Prospective participants should provide the following information to NIST's Consortium Manager:

(1) Can the NDE technology quantify, or does it have the potential to quantify, the mechanical properties of the concrete throughout the reinforced concrete block?

(2) Can the NDE technology quantify, or does it have the potential to quantify, the degree of expansion/crack development throughout the reinforced concrete block?

(3) Can the NDE technology quantify, or does it have the potential to quantify, the degree of the ASR reaction throughout the concrete block?

(4) Can the NDE technology quantify, or does it have the potential to quantify, the degree of expansion/stress on the surface of the reinforced concrete block?

A responding organization should not include any business proprietary information in its response to this request for information. NIST will not treat any information provided in response to this request as proprietary information.

**Phillip Singerman,**

*Associate Director for Innovations and Industry Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XE562**

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) *Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Advisory Panel (AP)* will meet to review recent fishery performance and develop Fishery Performance Reports for the *Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish* fisheries in preparation for the Council's review of existing 2015–2017 multi-year *MSB* specifications.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, May 2, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via Webinar with a telephone-only connection option: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/msbap2016fpr/>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The purpose of the meeting is to create Fishery Performance Reports by the Council's *Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Advisory Panel (AP)*. The intent of these reports is to facilitate structured input from the Advisory Panel members for the *Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish* specifications process.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 8, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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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 (Council)—Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting; Social and Economic Sciences Panel Meeting

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

**ACTION:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and its Socio-Economic Panel will meet May 3, 2016 through May 5, 2016.

**DATES:** The Socio-Economic Panel meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, and end at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2016, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings and workshop will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407; phone 800/334-6660 or 843/571-1000; fax 843/766-9444.

*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, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North 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:

##### Agenda

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

*The SEP Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2016*

1. Discussion of Optimum Yield.

2. Review decision tree for management.

3. Discuss proposed management measures for *Red Snapper*.

4. Discuss portfolio approach in social effects analyses.

5. Receive an update on recent and developing Council actions, including the Citizen Science Initiative, Visioning, and all active amendments.

*The SSC Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2016, through Thursday, May 5, 2016.*

1. Receive an update on 2015 Landings, Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs) and Accountability Measures (AMs), the Marine Resources Monitoring, Assessment, and Prediction (MARMAP) Fishery Independent Index, and recent Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) activities.

2. Receive an update on the Mid-Atlantic SSC meeting regarding *Blueline Tilefish*.

3. Review a new bag and size limit analysis methodology.

4. Review the South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment and discuss the data collection variables.

5. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 for *Mutton Snapper*.

6. Receive an update on the proposed SEDAR research track to be used in lieu of a Benchmark stock assessment.

7. Review the stock assessments for *Red Snapper*, *Gray Triggerfish*, and the assessment update for *Golden Tilefish*.

8. Discuss and apply the National Marine Fisheries Service Assessment Prioritization to South Atlantic stocks.

9. Discuss the findings of the *Spiny Lobster* Review Panel.

10. Receive an update on the Council's Citizen Science Initiative.

11. Review a proposed Decision Tool for *Hogfish* management.

12. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 for *Hogfish*.

13. Discuss proposed management options for *Red Snapper*.

14. Discuss revisions to the ABC Control Rule.

15. Review the report of the Socio-Economic Panel.

16. Receive an update on the Council's work plan and current amendments.

17. Hold elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings and noted on the agenda. The first will be at the beginning of the meeting, and the second near the conclusion, when the SSC reviews its recommendations.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least ten working days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: April 8, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) activities; federal ocean exploration partners, including the National Science Foundation and the National Atmospheric and Space