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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Ecosystem Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500; fax: (978) 750-7991.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The committee will discuss and provide feedback on a Draft Operating Model for the Georges Bank Ecosystem Production Unit description prepared by the EBFM Plan Development Team. This operating model will provide the foundation for a Georges Bank Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Management Strategy Evaluation. The committee will also review and draft comments on a Draft NOAA Fisheries EBFM Policy and Roadmap. Other business will be discussed if time permits.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a one and a half day meeting of its Standing, *Reef Fish*, *Shrimp*, Coastal Migratory *Pelagics* Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, and end at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council's Conference Room, and via Webinar. You may attend the meeting via Webinar by registering at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/816513104821884417>.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
- II. Election of Chair and Vice-chair
- III. Approval of minutes
 - a. January 6-8, 2015 Standing, *Reef Fish*, and *Mackerel* SSC meeting
 - b. June 1, 2016 Standing, *Shrimp*, and Socioeconomic SSC meeting
 - c. Standing *Reef Fish* socioeconomic *Shrimp* and Spiny Lobster SSC meeting June 2016-verbatim

minutes

d. August 2, 2016 Standing and *Reef Fish* SSC Webinar

IV. Selection of SSC representative at October 17-20, 2016 Council meeting

Standing and *Mackerel* SSC Session

V. Updated OFL and ABC yield streams for Gulf migratory group *king mackerel* for 2017/2018 to 2019/2020 fishing seasons

Standing and Reef Fish SSC Session #1

VI. Goliath *Grouper* benchmark assessment

VII. Evaluation of candidate species for future data-poor assessments

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Standing and *Shrimp* SSC Session

VIII. Risk assessment for threshold permit numbers relative to sea turtle incidental take constraints

Standing and *Reef Fish* SSC Session #2

- a. Decision tools for gray *triggerfish*
- b. Commercial seasons and trip limits
- c. Recreational seasons, size limits, bag limits, and effort shifting

IX. Evaluation of recreational *red snapper* split seasons

X. Review of updated SEDAR schedule

XI. Discussion on limit and target reference points and MSY proxies for *reef fish*

a. Discussion of limit and target reference points

b. Discussion of components of risk and uncertainty associated with the choice and estimation of reference points

c. Discussion of the components of risk and uncertainty associated with choosing MSY proxies

i. General discussion

ii. Discussion specific to *red snapper*

d. Ad Hoc Working Group on MSY proxies

i. Charge to the working group

ii. Recommendations for working group participants

XII. Review of ABC Control Rule Alternatives

a. Current ABC control rule

b. Modified from the method described in Martel and Froese (2012)

c. Fixed proportion of F_{MSY} or MSY

d. Bucket method for setting P^*

XIII. Dates for next SSC meeting

XIV. Other Business

—Meeting Adjourns—

You may register for SSC Meeting: Standing, *Reef Fish*, *Mackerel*, and *Shrimp* on September 20 and 21, 2016 at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/816513104821884417>.