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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Day 1—Monday, March 26, 2018; 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 9–10, 2018 Standing, Coral, Socioeconomic, and Reef Fish SSC summary
 - b. March 27–29, 2017 Standing, Shrimp, Reef Fish, and Socioeconomic SSC summary
- III. Selection of SSC Representative at April 16–20, 2018 Council Meeting in Gulfport, MS

Standing, Socioeconomic, and Shrimp SSC Session

- IV. Stock Status Review—
 - a. Brown shrimp
 - b. Pink shrimp
 - c. White shrimp
- V. Update on the Economic Analysis Requested by Council
 - a. Letter sent to Dr. Ponwith—log stamp 6631
 - b. NMFS response—log stamp 6660

Standing and Socioeconomic SSC Session

- VI. Grouper/Tilefish IFQ Program 5-year Review

Standing and Reef Fish SSC Session

- VII. 5-year Review on Inclusion/Exclusion of Species and Species Groupings in Fishery Management Plans

Day 2—Tuesday, March 27, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

- VIII. Further Development of a Stock Assessment Prioritization Spreadsheet
- IX. Update on MRIP Fishing Effort Survey and Status of Certification of State Data Collection Programs
- X. Habitat Mapping and Characterization on the West Florida Shelf
- XI. Tentative 2018 SSC Meeting Dates
- XII. Other Business

You may register for the SSC Meeting: Standing, Reef Fish, Shrimp, and Socioeconomic on March 26–27, 2018 at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3268270115077294082>.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's website and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council website (<http://>

www.gulfcouncil.org). The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "SSC meeting—2018–03".

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Gulf Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG079

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 Skate 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 Wednesday March 28, 2018 at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman

Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567-6789.

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 review draft alternatives to prolong the wing fishery, which may include adjusting the management uncertainty buffer, and changes to the incidental possession limit and its trigger. They will also recommend preferred alternatives for Framework 6 to the Council. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. 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.*

Dated: March 7, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy 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; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 59 Data Scoping webinar for South Atlantic Greater Amberjack.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 59 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of Greater Amberjack will consist of a series of webinars. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: A SEDAR 59 Data Scoping webinar will be held on Friday, March 30, 2018, from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Byrd, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366; email: julia.byrd@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. The product of the SEDAR webinar series will be a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs);

international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Scoping webinar are as follows:

Participants will identify who will be providing updated and/or new datasets.

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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 10 business 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: March 7, 2018.

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Acting Deputy 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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Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) is sponsoring a meeting to review a new method proposed to improve catch estimation methods in sparsely sampled mixed stock fisheries. The Catch Estimation Methodology Review meeting is open to the public and may be streamed online as a “listen only” webinar.

DATES: The Catch Estimation Methodology Review meeting will

commence at 8:30 a.m. PDT, Wednesday, March 28, 2018 and continue until 5 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The meeting will reconvene on Thursday, March 29, 2018 starting at 8:30 a.m. PDT and continuing as necessary to complete business for the day.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The Catch Estimation Methodology Review meeting will be held at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory, 110 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: (831) 420-3900 on March 28.

The meeting will be held at the Center for Ocean Health Library, Ocean Health Building, University of California Santa Cruz, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 in Room 201 on March 29. The Center for Ocean Health Library is next door to the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center.

Although this meeting will be conducted as an in-person meeting, there may also be a “listen-only” webinar option. To attend the “listen-only” webinar, visit: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar>. Enter the Webinar ID: 942-468-499, and your email address (required).

This is a “listen only” broadcast, you may use your computer speakers or headset to listen. If you do not have a headset or computer speakers, you may use your telephone to listen to the meeting by dialing this TOLL number +1 (415) 930-5321 (not a toll-free number); enter the phone attendee audio access code: 580-006-830. There will be no technical assistance available for the “listen only” webinar. If there are technical difficulties, the broadcast may end and may not be restarted.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (541) 867-0535; or Mr. John DeVore, Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Catch Estimation Methodology Review meeting is to review a proposed method for estimating catch of species in sparsely sampled mixed-stock commercial groundfish fisheries. The methodology proponents have developed a Bayesian hierarchical model to estimate species compositions with accurate measures of