

Recovery Plan (Plan). The notice announcing availability of the Plan was published in the **Federal Register** on January 9, 2018. Our workshop will be held on March 5, 2018, at the NMFS office in Sacramento, CA and will be open to the public. With this notice, we announce the details of a public workshop.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. *RSVP date:* If you plan to attend the workshop, please contact Joe Heublein (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than February 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, 5-100, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joe Heublein, NMFS Green Sturgeon Recovery Coordinator, at (916) 930-3719 or [joe.heublein@noaa.gov](mailto:joe.heublein@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On April 7, 2006, we, NMFS, listed the southern distinct population segment (sDPS) of the North America green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (71 FR 17757). A recovery outline was completed in 2010. On January 9, 2018, we announced the availability of the Southern Distinct Population Segment of Green Sturgeon Draft Recovery Plan (Plan) in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 1025). The text of the Plan can be found here: [http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected\\_species/green\\_sturgeon/green\\_sturgeon\\_pg.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/green_sturgeon/green_sturgeon_pg.html). The Plan lays out a recovery strategy based on the best available science, identifies site-specific actions with time lines and costs, and includes recovery goals and criteria. Public comments on the Plan will be accepted through March 12, 2018. Details on how to submit comments can be found in our January 9, 2018 notice (83 FR 1025).

**Recovery Plan Workshop Announcement**

On March 5, 2018, NMFS will hold a public workshop at the NMFS office in Sacramento, CA to present the Plan. We invite any interested member of the public to attend. NMFS will present the details of the Plan and provide a time-limited question and answer period during which attendees may ask NMFS about the information presented. NMFS will provide a moderator to manage the workshop as well as a notetaker to document input received.

This workshop will be open to the public. If you plan to attend the workshop, please contact Joe Heublein at the address listed above by February 26, 2018, so we can ensure sufficient space for all participants. Please also plan to arrive at the workshop at least 30 minutes prior to the start time to allow time to clear the security screening checkpoint. The workshop is accessible to persons with disabilities. Send requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids at least five business days in advance to Joe Heublein at (916) 930-3719.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: February 7, 2018.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; 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 52 Assessment webinar II for Gulf of Mexico red snapper.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 52 assessment process of Gulf of Mexico red snapper will consist of an in-person workshop and a series of assessment webinars. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 52 Assessment webinar II will be held March 6, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer 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:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; phone:

(843) 571-4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@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. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS 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 NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Assessment webinar II are as follows:

1. Using datasets and initial assessment analysis recommended from the in-person Workshop, panelists will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and management criteria, and project future conditions.
2. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

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.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

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

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

Dated: February 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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#### Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP) will hold a 2-day meeting in March 8-9, 2018, to discuss items contained in the agenda in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 8 and 9, 2018, starting at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council Office, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**March 8, 2018, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- OEAP Chairperson's Report
  - Status of:
    - OEAP members meeting attendance

- CFMC Report 160th and 161th Regular Meetings
- Hurricane impacts on fisheries in the region
- USVI activities
- Island-Based Fishery Management Plans (IBFMPs)
  - Orientation meetings
  - Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)
  - Outreach & Education products and activities for fishers and consumers
- Responsible Seafood Consumption Campaign

**March 9, 2018, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

- PR Fishers video by GeoAmbiente
- 2019 Calendar
- Caribbean Fishery App
- CFMC Facebook communications with stakeholders
- PEPCO
- MREP Caribbean
- Other Business

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1903, telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 7, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a webinar-based meeting with the public for the purpose of providing instruction to for-hire operators on electronic reporting of vessel trip reports (VTRs).

**DATES:** This meeting will be held Friday, March 2, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar (<http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/evtr2018/>) with a telephone audio connection (provided when connecting).

**Council address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Loftus, eVTR Outreach Workshop Coordinator; telephone: (410) 295-5997; email: [aloftus@andrewloftus.com](mailto:aloftus@andrewloftus.com) or Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) also has details on the proposed agenda, webinar access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA Fisheries has issued a final rule requiring the use of electronic vessel trip reports (VTRs) by vessel owners/operators holding Federal charter or party permits for species managed by a Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council FMP while on trips carrying passengers for hire. Electronic VTRs must be submitted through a NOAA-approved software application within 48 hours following the completion of a fishing trip. Vessels with Federal charter or party permits for any of the following species will be bound by this rule:

- Atlantic mackerel
- Squid
- Butterfish
- Summer Flounder
- Scup
- Black sea bass
- Bluefish
- Tilefish

This action takes effect March 12, 2018, and changes only the required method of transmitting VTRs and the submission date; the required data elements and all other existing reporting requirements will not change. This webinar meeting will provide information on the new requirements and options to assist affected parties to comply and training on select systems in preparation for this action.

#### 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.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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