

Caribbean Fisheries Branch, and Kyle Shertzer, SEFSC Atlantic Fisheries Branch

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—Lunch Break

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

—SEDAR 80 USVI St. Thomas Queen Triggerfish Assessment (continuation) Discussion

3 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

—Break

3:15 p.m.–5 p.m.

—SSC Recommendations

#### April 10, 2024

10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

—SEDAR 80 USVI St. Croix Queen Triggerfish—Adyan Rios, SEFSC Caribbean Fisheries Branch, and Kyle Shertzer, SEFSC Atlantic Fisheries Branch

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—SSC Final Recommendations to CFMC

#### April 11, 2024

10 a.m.–11:15 a.m.

—Eight National Scientific and Statistical Committee Workshop August 26–28 2024—SEFSC Staff

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

—Revision ACL Rainbow Runner—Sarah Stephenson, SERO

12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.

—SEDAR 91 Caribbean Spiny Lobster  
—SSC Members Volunteers

1:15 p.m.–2 p.m.

—Other Business  
—IRA proposals Update  
—SERO and SEFSC Updates  
—Next Meeting  
—Adjourn

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on April 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. AST, and will end on April 11, 2024, at 2 p.m., AST.

Other than the start time, interested parties should be aware that discussions

may start earlier or later than indicated at the discretion of the Chair. In addition, the meeting may be completed prior to the date established in this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

For any additional information on this public virtual meeting, please contact Dr. Graciela García-Moliner, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 403–8337.

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**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD809]

#### South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting via webinar of its Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel (AP) to discuss permitting and education alternatives for the private recreational component of the snapper grouper fishery.

**DATES:** The AP meeting will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., EST on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar registration is required. Details are included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302–8440 or toll free: (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting information, including the webinar registration link, online public comment form, agenda, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/advisory-panel-meetings/>. Comments become part of the Administrative

Record of the meeting and will automatically be posted to the website and available for Council consideration.

During the meeting, the AP will review guidance from the March 2024 Council meeting, further address a series of permit and education topics posed by the Council, and provide feedback on potential benefits of a permit.

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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD792]

#### 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 92 Atlantic Blueline Tilefish Landings Stream Topical Working Group (LS–TWG) Data Scoping Webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 92 assessment of the Atlantic stock of blueline tilefish will consist of a series of assessment webinars. A SEDAR 92 Data Scoping Webinar is scheduled for April 8, 2024. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The SEDAR 92 Atlantic Blueline Tilefish LS–TWG Data Scoping Webinar is scheduled for April 8, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., eastern. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Registration for the webinar is available by contacting the SEDAR coordinator via email at [Julie.Neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.Neer@safmc.net).

*SEDAR address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; [www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Neer, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; 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 three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a 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, 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 during the scoping webinar are as follows: Discuss available data sources, points of contact, data delivery deadlines, and any known data issues.

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**Special Accommodations**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XD583]

**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Transco Lower New York Bay Lateral (LNYBL) Natural Gas Pipeline Maintenance in Sandy Hook Channel, NJ**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company LLC (Transco), to incidentally harass marine mammals during construction activities associated with a natural gas pipeline stabilization project in Sandy Hook Channel, New Jersey (NJ).

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from June 15, 2024, through June 14, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Fleming, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are proposed or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed IHA is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of the species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to in shorthand as “mitigation”); and requirements