

Day 6—Sunday, March 8, 2020

California State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Management Team 8 a.m.
 Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants As Necessary
 Tribal Policy Group As Necessary
 Tribal and Washington Technical Group As Necessary

Day 7—Monday, March 9, 2020

California State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.

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Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2412 at least 10 business 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**

RIN 0648-XA037

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 Scallop 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 Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 8:30 a.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 Scallop Committee will receive an update on Framework Adjustment 32 submission and 2020 scallop work priorities. The committee plans to discuss 2019 fishery performance and outlook for 2020. They will also talk about Amendment 21: Reviewing progress in 2019 and discuss outlook for 2020. They also plan to review Plan Development Team progress on Committee tasking and develop input on range of alternatives. The focus on this discussion will primarily be about Northern Gulf of Maine measures. The Advisory Panel and Committee will have additional discussion on Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) trip limits and the one-way transfer of IFQ from Limited Access (LA) to LAGC at the March 26 and 27, 2020 meetings. They plan to discuss modifications to scallop dredge exemption areas, status of type-approved vessel monitoring system units, and implications of larger crew limits on trips to the Nantucket Lightship South Deep (NLS-S-deep) area on ability of vessels to carry observers (lift raft capacity). Other business may be discussed as necessary.

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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. 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. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XA034]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the following: Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee; Mackerel Cobia Committee; Shrimp Committee; Dolphin Wahoo Committee; Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) Committee (Closed Session); Executive Finance Committee; and Snapper Grouper Committee. The meeting week will also include a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, a formal public comment session, and a meeting of the Full Council.

DATES: The meetings will be held from 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020 until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Westin Jekyll Island, 110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA 31527; phone: (912) 635-4545.

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, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8440 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net. Meeting information is available from the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public comment: Written comments may be directed to John Carmichael, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see *Council address*) or electronically via the Council's website at <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>. Comments received by close of business the Monday before the meeting (2/24/20) will be compiled, posted to the website as part of the meeting materials, and included in the administrative record; please use the Council's online form available from the website. For written comments received after the Monday before the meeting (after 2/24/20), individuals submitting a comment must use the Council's online form available from the website. Comments will automatically be posted to the website and available for Council consideration. Comments received prior to noon on Thursday, March 5, 2020 will be a part of the meeting administrative record.

The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

Committee of the Whole—Monday, March 2, 2020, 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive an overview of proposed management changes in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Restoration Blueprint, a presentation from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) regarding the proposed measures, an update from FKNMS staff, and an overview of the Council's role regarding the measures in the Restoration Blueprint from NOAA General Counsel. The Committee will discuss and take action as appropriate.

2. The Committee will also receive a staff presentation on analysis of the need for conservation and management of selected species, discuss and provide recommendations as needed.

3. The Committee will receive a presentation from staff providing background information on allocations, consider allocation approaches and annual catch limits (ACLs), and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee—

Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

1. The Committee will receive an update on Council actions relative to habitat and ecosystems, receive a report from the November 2019 meeting of the Habitat Advisory Panel, and provide guidance to staff.

Mackerel Cobia Committee, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive an update on the status of commercial landings and amendments currently under formal Secretarial review.

2. The Committee will receive an overview of Framework Amendment 9 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources Fishery Management Plan addressing Spanish mackerel commercial trip limits in the Northern Zone, review public hearing comments, and consider approving the amendment for Secretarial review.

Shrimp Committee, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive an overview of Amendment 11 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP) addressing transit provisions for penaeid shrimp vessels, recommendations from the Council's Shrimp Advisory Panel and Law Enforcement Advisory Panel, review public hearing comments, and discuss and consider approving the amendment for final Secretarial review.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 2:30 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive updates from NOAA Fisheries on the status of commercial landings.

2. The Committee will receive an overview of draft Amendment 12 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP with measures to add bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as Ecosystem Component species to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP and provide guidance to staff.

3. The Committee will receive an update from staff on the Dolphin Wahoo Participatory Workshops.

*Formal Public Comment, Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 4 p.m.—*Public comment will be accepted on items on the Council meeting agenda scheduled to be approved for Secretarial Review: Amendment 11 to the Shrimp FMP (penaeid shrimp transit provisions); and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources Framework Amendment 9 (Spanish mackerel Northern Zone trip limits). Public comment will also be accepted on all other agenda items. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

SOPPs Committee, Thursday, March 5, 2020, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (Closed Session)

1. The Committee will discuss revisions to the Council's travel policy and Handbook and provide recommendations for Council consideration.

Executive Finance Committee, Thursday, March 5, 2020, 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

1. The Committee will address the Council follow-up and priorities listing, receive an update from staff on the Gulf-South Atlantic Recreational Flexibility Workgroup, and an update on Council Policies and Practices. The Committee will discuss and take action as appropriate.

Snapper Grouper Committee, Thursday, March 5, 2020, 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive updates from NOAA Fisheries on commercial landings and the status of amendments under formal Secretarial review.

2. The Committee will receive an update from NOAA Fisheries on modifications to the red snapper seasons as addressed in Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 33 (removing the minimum number of days requirement for opening the season) and the 2020 red snapper season.

3. The Committee will receive an overview of Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 34 addressing proposed Special Management Zones in North Carolina and South Carolina and consider approving the amendment for public hearings.

4. The Committee will provide topics to be addressed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel.

Council Session: Thursday, March 5, 2020, 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and Friday, March 6, 2020, 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Full Council will begin with the Call to Order, adoption of the agenda, and approval of minutes. The Council will receive a legal briefing during Closed Session if needed.

The Council will receive a presentation on Shark Depredation from NOAA Fisheries Highly Migratory Species Division staff.

The Council will receive staff reports including the Executive Director's Report, updates on the MyFishCount recreational reporting pilot program, a report on the Council's System Management Plan (SMP), and an update on the Citizen Science Program.

Presentations will be provided by NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional

Office staff including a report on the status of commercial landings for species not covered during an earlier committee meeting, bycatch reporting, protected resources, and a presentation on the status of the of the For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center staff will provide a presentation on the status of the Commercial Electronic Logbook Program and updates on the Atlantic Science Coordination Workshop, the Fishery Independent Surveys Workshop, and changes to the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) weight estimates.

The Council will discuss and take action as necessary.

The Council will review any Exempted Fishing Permits received as necessary.

The Council will receive an update on the Kitty Hawk Wind Project.

The Council will receive reports from the following committees: Committee of the Whole; Shrimp; Habitat; Mackerel Cobia; Snapper Grouper; Dolphin Wahoo; SOPPs, and Executive Finance. The Council will take action as appropriate.

The Council will receive agency and liaison reports; and discuss other business and upcoming meetings and take action as necessary.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

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

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Dated: February 7, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys Off of New Jersey and New York

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC (Atlantic Shores) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys off the coasts of New York and New Jersey in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0499) and along potential submarine cable routes to a landfall location in New York or New Jersey. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in *Request for Public Comments* at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than March 13, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. Physical comments should be sent to 1315 East-

West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and electronic comments should be sent to ITP.carduner@noaa.gov.

Instructions: NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jordan Carduner, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401. Electronic copies of the applications and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained by visiting the internet at: www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

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 issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed incidental take authorization may be 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