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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council)—Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting; Social and Economic Sciences Panel Meeting

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

**ACTION:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee and its Socio-Economic Panel will meet May 3, 2016 through May 5, 2016.

**DATES:** The Socio-Economic Panel meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, and end at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2016, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings and workshop will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407; phone 800/334-6660 or 843/571-1000; fax 843/766-9444.

*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, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; FAX 843/769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Agenda**

The items of discussion in the meeting agenda are as follows:

*The SEP Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2016*

1. Discussion of Optimum Yield.

2. Review decision tree for management.

3. Discuss proposed management measures for *Red Snapper*.

4. Discuss portfolio approach in social effects analyses.

5. Receive an update on recent and developing Council actions, including the Citizen Science Initiative, Visioning, and all active amendments.

*The SSC Meeting, Tuesday, May 3, 2016, through Thursday, May 5, 2016.*

1. Receive an update on 2015 Landings, Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs) and Accountability Measures (AMs), the Marine Resources Monitoring, Assessment, and Prediction (MARMAP) Fishery Independent Index, and recent Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) activities.

2. Receive an update on the Mid-Atlantic SSC meeting regarding *Blueline Tilefish*.

3. Review a new bag and size limit analysis methodology.

4. Review the South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment and discuss the data collection variables.

5. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 for *Mutton Snapper*.

6. Receive an update on the proposed SEDAR research track to be used in lieu of a Benchmark stock assessment.

7. Review the stock assessments for *Red Snapper*, *Gray Triggerfish*, and the assessment update for *Golden Tilefish*.

8. Discuss and apply the National Marine Fisheries Service Assessment Prioritization to South Atlantic stocks.

9. Discuss the findings of the *Spiny Lobster* Review Panel.

10. Receive an update on the Council's Citizen Science Initiative.

11. Review a proposed Decision Tool for *Hogfish* management.

12. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 for *Hogfish*.

13. Discuss proposed management options for *Red Snapper*.

14. Discuss revisions to the ABC Control Rule.

15. Review the report of the Socio-Economic Panel.

16. Receive an update on the Council's work plan and current amendments.

17. Hold elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair.

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.

Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings and noted on the agenda. The first will be at the beginning of the meeting, and the second near the conclusion, when the SSC reviews its recommendations.

#### **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 ten working 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.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) activities; federal ocean exploration partners, including the National Science Foundation and the National Atmospheric and Space

Administration; advising NOAA on out-year budget development with respect to ocean exploration; and other matters as described in the agenda found on the OEAB Web site at <http://oeab.noaa.gov>.

**Time and Dates:** The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.–5:45 p.m. EDT, and Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Venable LLC, 575 7th Street NW., Washington, DC.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to the public with a 30-minute public comment period on Tuesday, April 26th from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EDT (please check the agenda on the Web site to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Dial-in information may be found on the meeting agenda posted to the OEAB Web site.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by April 19, 2016 to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after April 19, 2016 will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Special Accommodations:** These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer (see below) by April 19, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6950.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic

institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

Dated: April 7, 2016.

**Jason Donaldson,**

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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); Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species (Red Drum, Lane Snapper, Wenchman, Yellowmouth Grouper, Speckled Hind, Snowy Grouper, Almaco Jack, Lesser Amberjack)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 49 Data Workshop for Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 49 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species will consist of: A Data Workshop; A series of Assessment Webinars; and a Review Workshop.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 49 Data Workshop will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016, and end at 12 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016; the Assessment Webinars and Review Workshop dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The SEDAR 49 Data Workshop will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton New Orleans, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA, 70130; 800-222-TREE.

**SEDAR address:** 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10;

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Agenda**

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, 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 non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Workshop agenda are as follows:

1. An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed.
  2. Participants will evaluate all available data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance, as specified in the Terms of Reference for the workshop.
- Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come