

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

[I.D. 050996F]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting.

DATES: This meeting will be held on June 12, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-281-8900.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review Draft Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Waters with Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Social Impact Assessment (SIA). The amendment is intended to address the Council's commitment to reduce the bycatch mortality of red snapper, particularly juveniles, from shrimp trawls. The amendment includes a review of previous actions and their effects on bycatch as well as various alternatives.

The Shrimp Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will review the draft amendment with various management alternatives for gear including: (1) Status Quo - no change to existing gear regulations; and (2) Requiring Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) in all areas of the exclusive economic zone. They will also look at area specific usage of BRDs including requiring BRDs: (1) inside the 100 fathom contour; (2) inside the 100 fathom contour and west of Cape San Blas, Florida; and (3) between the 10 and 100 fathom contours. Other alternatives that will be discussed include: Area closures, seasonal closures, BRD testing criteria, and a

protocol for BRD certification. The Shrimp SSC will also consider a Regulatory Impact Review, which mainly reviews the economic ramifications of the proposed amendment; a Social Impact Assessment; and any environmental consequences. Also considered will be the effects of other Federal laws and regulations.

The Shrimp SSC is comprised of scientists that have specialized in working with the shrimp fishery of the Gulf and have been appointed to advise the Council on shrimp management.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 5, 1996.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Service.

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[I.D. 050996E]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 6, 1996, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton at Metro Center, 2225 North Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL; 813-877-6688.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review Draft Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Waters with Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), Initial

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Social Impact Assessment (SIA). The amendment is intended to address the Council's commitment to reduce the bycatch mortality of red snapper, particularly juveniles, from shrimp trawls. The amendment includes a review of previous actions and their effects on bycatch as well as various alternatives.

The Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) will review the draft amendment with various management alternatives for gear including: (1) Status Quo - no change to existing gear regulations; and (2) Requiring Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRD) in all areas of the exclusive economic zone. They will also look at area specific usage of BRDs including requiring BRDs: (1) inside the 100 fathom contour; (2) inside the 100 fathom contour and west of Cape San Blas, Florida; and (3) between the 10 and 100 fathom contours. Other alternatives that will be discussed include: area closures, seasonal closures, BRD testing criteria, and a protocol for BRD certification. The SEP will focus their review on the economic and social impacts of these various alternatives, as these impacts are discussed in the RIR and the SIA.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by May 30, 1996.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 31, 1996, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Council appointed ad hoc committee will discuss how to implement a system which allows landing of groundfish in excess of limits and the use of the proceeds to fund fishery programs.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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[I.D. 042996A]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification to permit no. 898 (P772#65).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on May 6, 1996 Permit No. 898, issued to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA 92038, was modified.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification has been issued

under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.33(d) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

The permittee is authorized to capture, restrain, sedate, and instrument up to 25 adult male Hawaiian monk seals. Nine of these animals may be instrumented with portable camcorders. The permit has been modified to authorize the instrumentation of up to three (adult males only) of these 12 seals with Global Positioning System units in lieu of camcorders. This modification involves no increase in the originally authorized take.

Dated: May 13, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,
Chief, Permits & Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National Service announces the convening of a public hearing to be held on Thursday, May 23, 1996 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in Indianapolis, Indiana. Members of the public are invited to participate.

The hearing will address three questions: (1) How best can national service improve communities? (2) What role can service play in making participants better citizens? (3) What is the appropriate role of the federal government in supporting service?

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 23, 1996, from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at University Place Conference Center and Hotel, 850 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202, on the campus of Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Rhonda Taylor, Associate Director of Special Projects and Initiatives, Corporation for National Service at (202) 606-5000, ext. 282. TTD Number: (202) 565-2799. This notice may be requested in an

alternative format for the visually impaired.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation for National Service is a federal government corporation that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's educational, public safety, human, and environmental needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In doing so, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

Terry Russell,
General Counsel, Corporation for National Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Establishment of Staged Entry for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Apparel Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

May 15, 1996.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending earlier directives with respect to textile products from China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6703. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

Notices published in the Federal Register on December 6, 1995 and December 19, 1995 (60 FR 62413 and 60