

contains reasonable and prudent measures with implementing terms and conditions to minimize the effects of this take. This IHA action is within the scope of the previously analyzed action and does not change the action in a manner that was not considered previously.

National Environmental Policy Act

In 2005, NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Issuance of Authorizations to Take Marine Mammals, by Harassment, Incidental to Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal School Training Operations at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida and subsequently issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). This IHA action is within the scope of the previously analyzed action and does not change the action in a manner that was not considered previously. Therefore, preparation of an EIS on this action is not required by NEPA or its implementing regulations. However, in 2007, a supplemental EA was prepared to address new information on the effects to EFH and cumulative impacts to the physical and biological environment from other EAFB activities.

Conclusions

NMFS has issued an IHA to the Air Force for the NEODS training missions to take place at EAFB over a 1-year period. The issuance of this IHA is contingent upon adherence to the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements. NMFS has determined that the NEODS training, which entails up to six missions per year, including up to five live detonations per mission of approximately 5-lb (2.3 kg) net explosive weight charges to occur in approximately 60-foot (18 m) deep water from one to three nm off shore, will result in the Level B harassment of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins and Atlantic spotted dolphins (less than 0.0002 percent of the population for each species, and perhaps 1–2 percent of an inshore stock of bottlenose dolphin, if one of them were harassed) and will have a negligible impact on these marine mammal species and stocks. While behavioral modifications may be made by Atlantic bottlenose dolphins and Atlantic spotted dolphins to avoid the resultant acoustic stimuli, when the potential density of dolphins in the area and the required mitigation and monitoring are taken into consideration NMFS does expect any injury or mortality to result. The effects of the NEODS training are expected to be limited to short-term and localized TTS-related behavioral changes. No

rookeries, mating grounds, areas of concentrated feeding, or other areas of special significance for marine mammals occur within or near the NEODS test sites.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to the Air Force for NEODS training operations at EAFB, Florida, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration RIN: 0648–XD29

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held October 29 – November 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Beau Rivage, 875 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39530.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

2 p.m. - The Council meeting will begin with a review the agenda and minutes.

2:15 pm - 4:15 p.m. - Public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any, and Reef Fish Amendment 30A will be received.

4:15 - 5:15 p.m. - An Open Public Comment Period regarding any fishery issue of concern will be held. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

5:15 - 5:30 p.m. - A CLOSED SESSION on Personnel will be held.

Thursday, November 1, 2007

The Council will review and discuss reports from the previous two days' committee meetings as follows:

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Reef Fish Management;

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum;

10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Data Collection;

11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Budget/Personnel;

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab Management;

1 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Red Drum Management;

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Shrimp Management;

2 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Habitat Protection.

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. - The Council will discuss Other Business items.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Council will conclude its meeting with Elections of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Committees

Monday, October 29, 2007

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Orientation Session for New Members.

1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to discuss the Scoping Document for Reef Fish Amendment 29 (Grouper IFQ), a Report on Marine Reserves, an Ecosystem Modeling Workshop Report, a Preliminary Public Hearing Draft of Reef Fish Amendment 30B, and a Draft Red Snapper Allocation Discussion Document.

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will continue with a review of Reef Fish Amendment 30A for Gray Triggerfish/Greater Amberjack and a Goliath Grouper Cooperative Research Project.

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committee will meet to discuss a Generic Amendment for Regulation of Offshore Aquaculture.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. - The Data Collection Committee will meet to discuss reports by the SSC Select Committee on Revision of Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (MRFSS).

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Budget/Personnel Committee will meet to review the Status of 2007 Funding, the 2008 Council Operational Budget and hold a CLOSED SESSION on Personnel.

4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Red Drum Management Committee will meet to discuss Recommendations for Long-term Research by the Ad Hoc Review Panel for Red Drum.

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - The Shrimp Management Committee will hear reports on the Status of the Shrimp Stocks and review data on the 2007 permits and effort.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Habitat Protection Committee will meet to discuss the Texas and Mississippi/Louisiana Habitat Protection AP's recommendations.

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - The Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab Management Committee will meet to discuss the Draft Public Scoping Document for Spiny Lobster Imported Size Limit.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: October 9, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration RIN: 0648-XD31****North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Halibut Charter Stakeholder Committee.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council Charter Halibut Stakeholder Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meetings will be held October 31 through November 2, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the North Pacific Research Board, 1007 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review background documents and recommendations on permanent solution alternatives for analysis, as well as review actions taken by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council at its meeting on October 5, 2007.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration RIN: 0648-XD30****Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will hold a work session by telephone conference, which is open to the public, to develop recommendations for the November 2007 Council meeting.

DATES: The telephone conference will be held Tuesday, October 30, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: A listening station will be available at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, Small Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the work session is to review information in the Council's November meeting briefing book related to salmon management, and to develop comments and recommendations for consideration at the September Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the SAS for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal SAS action during this meeting. SAS action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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 SAS'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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