

Dated: September 20, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fishing Capacity Reduction Program for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery

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

ACTION: Notice of sub-loan repayment.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this notice to inform interested parties that the California Pink Shrimp sub-loan in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Capacity Reduction (Buyback) Program has been repaid. Therefore, Buyback fee collections on California Pink Shrimp sub-loan will cease for all landings after August 31, 2016.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. EST October 17, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send comments about this notice to Paul Marx, Chief, Financial Services Division, NMFS, Attn: California Pink Shrimp Buyback, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael A. Sturtevant at (301) 427-8799 or Michael.A.Sturtevant@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 16, 2004, NMFS published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 67100) proposing to implement an industry fee system for repaying the California Pink Shrimp Buyback sub-loan. The final rule was published July 13, 2005 (70 FR 40225) and fee collection began on September 8, 2005. Interested persons should review these for further program details.

The California Pink Shrimp Buyback sub-loan in the amount of \$674,202.18 will be repaid in full upon receipt of buyback fees on landings through August 31, 2016. NMFS has received \$1,182,214.57 to repay the principal and interest on this sub-loan since fee collection began September 8, 2005. Based on Buyback fees received to date, landings after August 31, 2016, will not be subject to the Buyback fee. Therefore,

Buyback fees will no longer be collected in the California Pink Shrimp fishery on future landings.

Buyback fees not yet forwarded to NMFS for California Pink Shrimp landings through August 31, 2016, should be forwarded to NMFS immediately. Any overpayment of Buyback fees submitted to NMFS will be refunded on a pro-rata basis to the fish buyers based upon best available fish ticket landings data. The fish buyers should return excess Buyback fees collected to the harvesters, including Buyback fees collected but not yet remitted to NMFS for landings after August 31, 2016. Any discrepancies in fees owed and fees paid must be resolved immediately. After the sub-loan is closed, no further adjustments to fees paid and fees received can be made.

Dated: September 26, 2016.

Brian T. Pawlak,

CFO/Director, Office of Management and Budget, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee (Committee) in Seattle, WA and La Push, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Seattle, WA. The meeting will continue in La Push, WA on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and Thursday October 13, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: On Tuesday, October 11 the meeting will be held in the Hardisty Conference Room, 6th floor, Henderson Hall, University of Washington Applied Physics Laboratory, 1013 NE 40th Street, Seattle, WA 98105. On Wednesday and Thursday, October 12–13 the meeting will be held at the Quileute Tribal Administration

Building, 90 Main Street, La Push, WA 98350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Snowden, Designated Federal Official, U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, U.S. IOOS Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Second Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone 240-533-9466; Fax 301-713-3281; Email jessica.snowden@noaa.gov or visit the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee Web site at <http://www.ioos.noaa.gov/advisorycommittee>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-11). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the Committee for review and advice.

The Committee will provide advice on:

(a) Administration, operation, management, and maintenance of the System;

(b) expansion and periodic modernization and upgrade of technology components of the System;

(c) identification of end-user communities, their needs for information provided by the System, and the System's effectiveness in dissemination information to end-user communities and to the general public; and

(d) any other purpose identified by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere or the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee.

The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on October 11, 2016, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on October 12, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., and on October 13, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. (check agenda on Web site to confirm time.) The Committee expects that public statements presented 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 a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by October 7, 2016 to provide sufficient time for Committee review.

Written comments received after October 7, 2016, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting will focus on ongoing committee priorities, as well as learning about ocean observing priorities from tribal, local, and state stakeholders in the Pacific Northwest. The latest version will be posted at <http://www.ioos.noaa.gov/advisorycommittee>.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jessica Snowden, Designated Federal Official at 240-533-9466 by October 1, 2016.

Dated: September 12, 2016.

Zdenka Willis,

Director, U.S. IOOS Program, National Ocean Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will take place on Monday, October 17 through Thursday, October 20, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the IP Casino hotel, located at 850 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530; telephone: (228) 436-3000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Gregory, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, October 17, 2016; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

The Full Council will be convened to a review and adopt the proposed 2016–17 Council Committee Roster. The Data Collection Management Committee will receive a presentation on National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) For-Hire Pilot Program; and For-hire reporting Requirements; Cost analysis and Reporting Requirements of Commercial Electronic Reporting Program. After lunch, the Shrimp Management Committee will receive an update on NMFS Turtle Excluder Device (TED) Rule; Risk Assessment for Threshold Permit Numbers Relative to Sea Turtle Incidental Take Constraints; and review of Revised Options paper for Shrimp Amendment 17B. The Administrative/Budget Committee will review the State, Federal and Council Annual Leave Policies. The Mackerel Management Committee will review a Public Hearing Draft for CMP Amendment 29: Allocation Sharing and Accountability for Gulf King Mackerel; review Final Action—CMP Framework Amendment 5: Modifications to Pelagic Commercial Permit Restrictions in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic; and Final Action on CMP Amendment 30: Atlantic Cobia Recreational Fishing Year. The Full Council in a CLOSED SESSION (approximately 4:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.) will review and select appointments for the Ad Hoc Private Recreational Advisory Panel (AP).

Tuesday, October 18, 2016; 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

The Reef Fish Management Committee will review the proposed regulations on the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary; SEDAR 47 Goliath Grouper Benchmark Assessment; Draft Framework Action on Mutton Snapper ACL and Management Measures and Gag Commercial Size Limit. Review Draft Amendment 42: Reef Fish Recreational Management for Headboat Survey Vessels; and, Final Action—Referendum Requirements for Amendment 42. Review the preliminary 2016 Red Snapper For-hire Landings Relative to Acceptable Catch Target (ACT); review Draft Amendment 46—Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan and Draft Amendment 41—Red Snapper Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels.

Wednesday, October 19, 2016; 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

The Reef Fish Management Committee will review draft Amendment 36A—Modifications to

Commercial Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) programs; and receive a summary on the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Reef Fish Advisory Panel meetings. The Joint Coral/Habitat Committee will review the Final Draft of 5-year EFH Review and scoping document for Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs). The Law Enforcement Committee will review and approve the Law Enforcement Operations and Strategic Plans; and receive a summary from the Law Enforcement Technical Committee meeting.

The Full Council will convene after lunch (approximately 1 p.m.) with Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions; and review of Exempt Fishing Permit (EFPs) Applications, if any. The Council will receive presentations on Draft Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Amendments 5b and 10; Climate Vulnerability Analysis for Gulf Managed Stocks; Mississippi Law Enforcement Efforts; and NMFS–SERO Landing Summaries. The Council will receive public testimony from 2:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Agenda Testimony items: Final Action on Framework Action 5: To Remove the Prohibition on Retaining the Recreational King Mackerel Bag Limit with Commercial King Mackerel Permit; Final Action on Referendum Requirements for Reef Fish Amendment 42—Reef Fish Management for Headboat Survey Vessels; on proposed fishing regulations on the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary; and Final Action on CMP Amendment 30: Atlantic Cobia Recreational Fishing Year; and, hold an open public testimony period regarding any other fishery issues or concern. Anyone wishing to speak during public comment should sign in at the registration station located at the entrance to the meeting room.

Thursday, October 20, 2016; 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

The Full Council will receive committee reports from Data Collection, Mackerel, Shrimp and the Administrative/Budget Management Committees. The Full Council will receive the Closed Session Report on Ad Hoc Private Recreational Angler AP Membership and Discuss the Charge of the AP. The Council will continue to receive committee reports from Law Enforcement, Reef Fish and Joint Coral/Habitat Management Committees; and, vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications, if any. The Council will receive updates from supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Gulf States