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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Chapter VI

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Postponement of Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Postponement of public hearings.

SUMMARY: On July 19, 1995, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) proposed to hold public hearings to solicit comments on management measures for a new Fishery Management Plan for Golden Crab (FMP). Due to inclement weather from Hurricane "Erin," the hearings in the Florida area had to be cancelled and rescheduled.

DATES: Written comments regarding the issues being discussed at the rescheduled hearings will be accepted through August 18, 1995.

The hearings are rescheduled as follows:

1. Tuesday, August 15, 1995, 7:00 p.m., Cocoa Beach, FL;
2. Wednesday, August 16, 1995, 7:00 p.m., Fort Lauderdale, FL; and
3. Thursday, August 17, 1995, 7:00 p.m., Marathon, FL.

ADDRESSES: To send comments, and to request copies of public hearing documents, write to: Robert K. Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699. The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. Cocoa Beach—Holiday Inn, 1300 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931; telephone (407) 783-2271;
2. Fort Lauderdale—Sheraton Design Center Hotel, 1825 Griffin Road, Dania,

FL 33004; telephone (305) 920-3500; and

3. Marathon—Hawk's Cay Resort, MM61, Duck Key, FL 33050; telephone (305) 743-7000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert K. Mahood, (803) 571-4366; Fax: (803) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of the public hearings on golden crab was published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 1995 (60 FR 37044). The hearings in the Florida area were scheduled for August 1, 2, and 3, but were cancelled due to hurricane Erin. The hearing in Charleston, SC, will remain as originally scheduled on August 7, 1995. The Council is also informing persons of the rescheduling via news releases distributed through the local media.

The Council hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office by July 18, 1995 (see **ADDRESSES**).

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

Dated: August 4, 1995.

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The Snapper-Grouper Fishery and other Finfish Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Public Scoping Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) is holding public scoping meetings to solicit comments on: The sale of fish (all species) caught under the recreational bag limits established by the Council's fishery management plans (FMPs); and on the issue of recreational catch and the commercial bycatch of wreckfish under the FMP for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for additional information on the scoping meetings.

DATES: The public scoping meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on

Monday, August 21, 1995, in Charleston, SC.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meetings will be held in conjunction with the South Atlantic Council public meetings at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone (1-800) 334-6660.

Requests for copies of public scoping documents should be sent to the Council at the following address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert K. Mahood, Council Executive Director; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A public scoping meeting will be held to solicit comments on the sale of fish caught under the recreational bag limit (all species). The Council has considered this issue on numerous occasions over the past several years, and both commercial and recreational fishermen have expressed concerns about this matter. Currently, all of the Council's FMPs allow for the sale of fish taken under a legal bag limit. The issue regarding the sale of fish caught under bag limits involves several considerations including: (1) The definitions of recreational and commercial fishermen; (2) the ethical question of a "recreational" fisherman selling his catch; and (3) the impacts of selling fish caught under an FMP-established bag limit on an FMP-established commercial quota for the same species. The Council will consider prohibiting the sale of fish by recreational anglers. The Council is inviting and will consider the views of recreational and commercial fishermen and other interested persons on this matter prior to taking any formal and final action; the Council is particularly interested in hearing about the possible impacts of prohibiting the sale of recreationally-caught fish.

The Council will also hold a public scoping meeting to solicit comments on wreckfish caught by recreational fishermen and on the commercial bycatch of wreckfish outside of the Blake Plateau. Amendments 3 and 4 to the FMP for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic (Snapper-Grouper FMP) established a management program for wreckfish in the South Atlantic region. A regulatory adjustment framework measure was also included in the Snapper-Grouper FMP allowing the Council to set total allowable catch (TAC) each year and at the same time consider other management changes or options.

Amendment 5 to the Snapper-Grouper FMP established an individual transferable quota (ITQ) system in the wreckfish fishery that allows only ITQ shareholders to land and sell wreckfish, and allows only permitted dealers to handle wreckfish and to buy wreckfish from ITQ shareholders. Recently, reports indicate that wreckfish is being caught by recreational fishermen fishing primarily for red grouper off Key West, FL. Also, commercial snapper-grouper fishermen, especially off south Florida, are experiencing occasional wreckfish bycatch. These reports do not indicate frequency or poundage of catches, how the catches are being disposed of, that the catches are of significant quantities or the frequency of these occurrences.

The Council is considering the following management options for regulating this fishery: (1) No action (i.e., continue to prohibit the taking or landing of wreckfish in the South Atlantic region except by individual transferable quota (ITQ) shareholders; (2) set a recreational bag limit of 1 or 2 fish per fisherman per trip; (3) set a

recreational bag limit of 1 or 2 fish per boat per trip; (4) set a recreational bag limit of 1 or 2 fish per boat per day; (5) set an undetermined recreational bag limit; (6) set a bag limit of 1 or 2 fish per boat per trip for commercial fishermen in the South Atlantic region who are not wreckfish ITQ shareholders; (7) set a bag limit of 1 or 2 fish per boat per day for commercial fishermen in the South Atlantic region who are not wreckfish ITQ shareholders; (8) set a bag limit of 1 or 2 fish per boat per trip for commercial fishermen in the south Florida area who are not wreckfish ITQ shareholders; (9) set a bag limit of 1 to 2 fish per boat per day for commercial fishermen in the south Florida area who are not wreckfish ITQ shareholders; (10) allow for an undetermined commercial bag limit in the South Atlantic region; and (11) allow for an undetermined commercial bag limit only in the South Florida area.

Written public comments on the subjects of the scoping meetings, including any Council scoping

documents made available to the public, may be submitted to the Council from the time of the scoping meetings until such time as the Council has prepared appropriate and related public hearing documents that are available for public comment. For copies of the public scoping documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office by June 16, 1995.

For special accommodations regarding the meetings and hearing, contact the Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

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

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