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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of its Advisory Panel Selection, Snapper-Grouper, Mackerel, and Shrimp Committees; Wreckfish Advisory Panel; and a Council session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from February 12 to February 14, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Ponce de Leon, 4000 U.S. Highway 1 North, St. Augustine, FL 32095; telephone: (800) 228-2821.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

February 12, 1996, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Mackerel Committee;

The Mackerel Committee will review public hearing comments and NMFS informal review comments for Draft Amendment 8 to the fishery management plan (FMP) for Coastal Migratory Pelagics. The Committee will develop recommendations that the Council will discuss at the April 8-12, 1996 Council meeting in Jekyll Island, GA. In addition, the Committee will develop recommendations for daily commercial trip limits for Atlantic group king mackerel. The Council will consider the options included in the public hearing draft of Amendment 8. Trip limits will be discussed and action

will possibly be taken at this meeting. Options for the trip limit in Monroe County, FL, range from 50 to 125 fish. Should the Council approve a trip limit at the February Council meeting, the Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, Dr. Andrew Kemmerer, has indicated that the trip limit could be implemented by the start of the fishing year on April 1, 1996.

February 13, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Wreckfish Advisory Panel (AP) and Snapper Grouper Committee;

The Snapper-Grouper Committee will meet with the Wreckfish AP to review the wreckfish stock assessment. The AP and the Committee will make recommendations concerning the total allowable catch (TAC) for the upcoming 1996-97 fishing year. The Council may also consider changes to the maximum sustainable yield (MSY), acceptable biological catch (ABC), trip limits, minimum size limits, gear restrictions, and seasonal or area closures as allowed by the framework procedure included in the FMP.

February 13, 1996, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Shrimp Committee;

The Shrimp Committee will review public hearing comments and NMFS informal review comments for Draft Amendment 2 (Bycatch) to the Shrimp FMP. The Committee will develop final recommendations for the Council for approval of Draft Amendment 2.

February 13, 1996, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee;

February 14, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.—Council session;

The Council will hear a report from the AP Selection Committee and will appoint AP members during a closed session.

February 14, 1996, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Council session;

The Council will convene and receive reports from the Mackerel, Snapper-Grouper, and Shrimp Committees. The Council will set TAC and make any other necessary changes for wreckfish, and it may take final action on Atlantic group king mackerel trip limits. The Council will also take final action on Shrimp Amendment 2 (Bycatch) for formal submission to the Secretary of Commerce.

Special Accommodations

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 (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 5, 1996.

Dated: January 19, 1996.

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P598).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Jim Darling, P.O. Box 384, Tofino, British Columbia, CANADA VOR ZZO has applied in due form for a permit to take by harassment up to 200 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in waters off Maui, Hawaii for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, Permits Division, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), 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 regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-222).

The permit application requests authorization to take up to 200