

**Special Accommodations**

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

Dated: November 16, 1998.

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

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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 a meeting of its Marine Reserves, Snapper Grouper, Advisory Panel Selection, Dolphin/Wahoo, and Habitat Committees; and a Council Session.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held from November 30-December 4, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Ramada Inn, 1701 South Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC; telephone: (800) 635-1824; (252) 441-2151.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Meeting Dates**

*November 30, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Marine Reserves Committee;*

The Marine Reserves Committee will review results of the marine reserves workshop, review and revise the council's action plan regarding the use of reserves, revise the draft criteria for

developing reserves, and develop committee recommendations regarding the Council's Marine Reserves Advisory Panel composition;

*December 1, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee;*

The committee will hear presentations on assessments for red porgy, gag, and greater amberjack. The committee will also hear reports on the following: compliance with minimum size limits, information from last year's fishermen logbook reports, information concerning the experimental closed area of the Oculina Bank, and the status of golden tilefish and snowy grouper quotas. The committee will also take action on the seasonal framework as needed and hear the status of Snapper Grouper Amendments 8 and 9 and the emergency request for Amendment 9;

*December 1, 1998, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Advisory Panel Selection Committee (Closed Session);*

The committee will review applications from those wishing to serve on Council advisory panels and develop recommendations for appointments to these panels;

*December 2, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Dolphin/Wahoo Committee;*

NMFS will present the committee with the status of the Council's request to be designated true lead in dolphin and wahoo management as well as the status of the data request the Council submitted for dolphin and wahoo landings. The committee will then review the Dolphin/Wahoo Workshop Report and review and revise the options paper regarding possible dolphin/wahoo management actions;

*December 2, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; December 3, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Habitat Committee;*

NMFS will present the committee with the status of the Habitat Plan and the Habitat Comprehensive Amendment. The committee will then hear presentations on sargassum;

*December 3, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Council Session;*

The Council will hear the following Committee reports: Habitat, Snapper Grouper, Marine Reserves, and Advisory Panel Selection (Closed Session):

At 1:45 p.m., the Council will hear public comment on the Sargassum Plan before taking action to modify and approve the plan;

At 2:45 p.m., the Council will hear public comment on any proposed framework measures for the snapper grouper fishery before approving such measures as necessary;

At 4:15 p.m., the Council will review the Mackerel Advisory Panel request to allow the retention of Spanish mackerel in the gillnet fishery for spot and take action on this issue;

At 5:15 p.m., the Council will meet in closed session to appoint new advisory panel members;

*December 4, 1998, 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.—Council Session;*

The Council will hear the Dolphin/Wahoo Committee report, hear the status of the live rock aquaculture program, and NMFS reports on: The Report to Congress on overfished species, implementation of Snapper Grouper Amendment 8, Snapper Grouper Amendment 9 and the emergency regulations on Amendment 9, Golden Crab Framework #1, the 1998-1999 Mackerel Framework action, Mackerel Amendment 9, and status on quotas for the following species: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (Eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, wreckfish, and South Atlantic octocorals. The Council will also review the NMFS Highly Migratory Species Swordfish and Billfish Amendments and comment on the proposed regulations.

The Council will also hear reports on the International Conservation of Atlantic Tunas program, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, the Council/NMFS operations plan meeting, and agency and liaison reports before discussing other business.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues will not be of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

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Dated: November 13, 1998.

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