

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of its Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 24, 2017 and Thursday, May 25, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time or until business is completed on each day.

**ADDRESSES:** Watertown Hotel, Wallingford Room, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE., Seattle, WA 98105, telephone: 1-855-580-8614.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John DeVore, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2413.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the meeting is to review draft analyses informing the Pacific Council's five-year review of the U.S. West Coast Trawl Catch Share Program. The SSC Economics and Groundfish subcommittees will conduct a review of the draft review document. The Pacific Council and its advisors will receive the report and recommendations of the SSC Economics and Groundfish subcommittees on the five-year review of the U.S. West Coast Trawl Catch Share Program at its June 7-14, 2017 meeting in Spokane, WA.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council'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 Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (503) 820-2280 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 3, 2017.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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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 via webinar.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a half day meeting of its Standing and Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar.

*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:** Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; *steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org*; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Wednesday, May 10, 2017; 1 p.m.-4 p.m.**

1. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
  2. Vermilion Snapper OFL and ABC Projections Under a 26% SPR MSY Proxy
  3. Review of Draft Underharvest Carry-over Options
  4. Status Determination Criteria Options Paper
  5. Other Business
- Meeting Adjourns—

You may register for the SSC Meeting: Standing and Reef Fish on or before May 10, 2017 at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6351571192497709313>.

The Agenda is subject to change. The latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's Web site and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council Web site (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "SSC meeting-2017-05".

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XF384**

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This Exempted Fishing Permit would allow four commercial fishing vessels, directed by Coonamessett Farm Foundation, to be exempt from Atlantic sea scallop regulations for the purpose of bycatch reduction research.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 23, 2017.