

Dated: March 23, 2023.

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## Appendix

### List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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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 two-day in-person meeting of its Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT, daily.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Gulf Council office. Registration information will be available on the Council's website by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the "meeting tab".

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Natasha Mendez, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [natasha.mendez@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:natasha.mendez@gulfcouncil.org); telephone: (813) 348-1630.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023; 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., EDT**

The meeting will begin with Introductions and Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes and Meeting Summary from the December 2021 meeting and a review of the Scope of Work. The ETC will receive a status update on Gulf Fishery Ecosystem Plan

(FEP), including background material and direction from the Council.

Following, the ETC will hold discussions on the next steps to Operationalize the Gulf FEP; its Goals and Objectives and Mission Statement, a discussion on how to integrate Fishery Ecosystem Issues (FEIs) into the Gulf FEP Process, FEI Loop with Red Tide as an Example, and provide recommendations on Draft Updates to the FEI Loop. The ETC will discuss Potential FEIs for the Gulf FEP and Prioritization Metrics. The Committee will receive public comment at the end of the day.

**Thursday, April 20, 2023; 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., EDT**

The Committee will review and discuss the ranking and selection of Top Four FEIs and continue discussion on Next Steps for FEIs in the Gulf FEP or Management Process.

The Committee will receive a stakeholder engagement update from the Outreach & Education Technical Committee recommendations, discuss updating the 2017 Ecosystem Status Report for the Gulf of Mexico, and any items under Other Business.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will also be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Technical meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the 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 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.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel (AP) on April 21, 2023.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held via webinar on April 21, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Registration is required. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available two weeks prior to the meeting at: <https://safmc.net/advisory-council-meetings/>.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina Wiegand, Fishery Social Scientist, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [christina.wiegand@safmc.net](mailto:christina.wiegand@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Mackerel Cobia AP will meet via webinar. Agenda items include: an update on actions related the Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) fishery and the Citizen Science program; discussion and planning for Mackerel Port Meetings; discussion of Council Research Recommendations, discussion of Space Center operation impacts; and other business as needed.

The AP will provide recommendations for Council consideration. Additionally, the AP will elect a Vice-Chair.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

*Note:* The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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

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**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a three-day in-person meeting with an option for remote participation to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The Council continues to follow all public safety measures related to COVID-19 and intends to do so for this meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m., each day.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Hilton Mystic, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355; telephone: (860) 572-0731; online at <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mysmhfh-hilton-mystic/>. Join the webinar at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1463144741317930842>.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492; [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

*Tuesday, April 18, 2023*

The Council will begin this meeting in Closed Session to discuss the search for a new executive director. At 9:30 a.m., the open session will begin with brief announcements, followed by reports on recent activities from the Council's Chair and Executive Director, the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Director, the NOAA Office of General Counsel, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, staff from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement. Next, the Council will receive an update on work to review and improve the Monkfish Research Set-Aside Program. This report will be followed by an update on a joint New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council action to reduce Atlantic sturgeon bycatch in monkfish and dogfish gillnet fisheries. The Council will initiate Monkfish Framework Adjustment 15 to incorporate proposed management measures. The Council then will receive an update on the formation of a new working group charged with addressing issues related to preventing gear conflicts between vessels using on-demand/ropeless fishing gear and vessels using mobile gear. To end the morning, the Council will receive a presentation and provide comments on the Draft NOAA Fisheries National Seafood Strategy.

After the lunch break, the Council will receive a presentation on a Northeast Fisheries Science Center survey to assess current social/economic conditions of commercial fishing crews, including hired captains. The survey is a follow-up to NEFSC's 2018-19 study to determine demographic, well-being, and work condition changes over time. The Enforcement Committee report will be up next. The Council will hear enforcement feedback on a number of issues, including: (1) on-demand/ropeless fishing gear and the Gear Conflict Working Group; (2) the Council's Atlantic Salmon Aquaculture Framework; (3) ongoing work to reduce gillnet/protected resources interactions; (4) NOAA Office of Law Enforcement priorities; and (5) Council enforcement-related work priorities for 2023. After that, the Scallop Committee will provide an update on scallop work priorities for 2023, which include

changes to the Scallop Research Set-Aside Program. Another important scallop-related item will be covered under the next agenda item, the Habitat Committee report. The first item of the habitat report will focus on the Northern Edge of Georges Bank and: (1) consider both Habitat Committee and Scallop Committee input, (2) discuss and potentially approve preliminary goals and objectives for possible management action, and (3) consider initiating action to revise the habitat management area (HMA) on the Northern Edge of Georges Bank to authorize scallop fishery access to the area. The habitat report also will include Council final action on a framework adjustment to the Atlantic Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to facilitate offshore Atlantic salmon aquaculture, followed by an update on offshore energy issues and other habitat-related work. The Council then will adjourn for the day.

*Wednesday, April 19, 2023*

The Council will begin the second day of its meeting with the Groundfish Committee report, which will cover multiple items. First, the Council will receive a progress report on the Groundfish Plan Development Team's work to develop performance metrics and indicators for the review process to evaluate the new groundfish monitoring system under Amendment 23 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Council also will hear the Scientific and Statistical Committee's feedback on the metrics and indicators. The groundfish report will cover four other items: (1) an update on the facilitated process to develop new acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules for groundfish; (2) an update on the Atlantic cod management transition plan should the Council go from managing two Atlantic cod stocks to four or five; (3) an update on addressing Canadian Atlantic halibut catch swings in the U.S. management process; and (4) a Council discussion on Gulf of Maine haddock. The Skate Committee report will follow, covering an update on work under 2023 skate priorities.

After the lunch break, members of the public will have the opportunity to speak during an open comment period on issues that relate to Council business but are not included on the published agenda for this meeting. The Council asks the public to limit remarks to 3-5 minutes. These comments will be received both in person and through the webinar. A guide for how to publicly comment through the webinar is available on the Council website at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/>