

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 13, 2023.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 meetings of the following: Mackerel Cobia Committee, Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee, Citizen Science Committee, Habitat and Ecosystem Committee, and the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and a meeting of the Full Council.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, until 12 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at The Beaufort Hotel, 2440 Lennoxville Road, Beaufort, NC 28516; phone: (252) 728-3000. The meeting will also be available via webinar. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8440 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting information, including agendas, overviews, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/council-meetings/>. Webinar registration links for the meeting will also be available from the Council's website.

Public comment: Public comment on agenda items may be submitted through the Council's online comment form available from the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/events/december-2023-council-meeting/>. Written comments will be accepted from November 17, 2023, until December 8, 2023. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration. A formal public comment session will also be held during the Council meeting.

The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

Council Session I, Monday, December 4, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m. (Closed Session)

The Council will meet in Closed Session to receive a litigation brief from NOAA General Counsel and consider appointments to advisory panels, workgroups, and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Socio-Economic Panel (SEP).

Council Session I, Monday, December 4, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m.

The Council will receive reports from NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard, Council liaisons, and state agencies. The Council will also receive a report on Congressional activities relative to fisheries and reports from recent meetings of the Council's Executive Committee, SSC, and Outreach and Communications Advisory Panel (AP).

The Council will receive a presentation from NOAA Fisheries on the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program and a presentation from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center on an update on the reliability of commercial discards.

Mackerel Cobia Committee, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 10 a.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the Mackerel Cobia AP, review public scoping comments for Amendment 13 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan addressing catch level adjustments for Spanish mackerel, and receive an update on plans to conduct port meetings for the mackerel fishery.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 10 a.m. Until 11 a.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the Dolphin Wahoo AP and an update on the Management Strategy Evaluation for Dolphin.

Snapper Grouper Committee, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 11 a.m. Until 5 p.m., and Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 3:45 p.m.

The Committee will receive a briefing on Exempted Fishing Permit applications, an update on amendments to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan under development, a System Management Plan Workgroup update, and a report from the Wreckfish Advisory Group and Sub-Committee relative to Amendment 48 addressing wreckfish management. The Committee will consider recommendations from the Snapper Grouper AP for Amendment 46 addressing a private recreational permit for the snapper grouper fishery and consider approving the amendment for public hearings.

The Committee will address Regulatory Amendment 36 addressing gag and black grouper vessel limits and on-demand gear for black sea bass and consider approving for public scoping, and consider Snapper Grouper AP recommendations for Amendment 55 addressing management measures for scamp and yellowmouth grouper. The Committee will discuss Regulatory Amendment 35 addressing red snapper management and re-consider submitting the amendment for Secretarial review, and discuss yellowtail snapper management. The Committee will receive an update on Best Fishing Practices Outreach and AP recommendations on topics not on the agenda.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 4 p.m.

Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting in person and via webinar on all items on the Council meeting agenda. The Council Chair will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter based on the number of individuals wishing to comment.

Citizen Science Committee, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

The Committee will review and approve updated research priorities for the Council's Citizen Science Program, receive an update on the SciFish platform and a demonstration, and an update on the Citizen Science Program.

Habitat and Ecosystem Committee, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the Habitat Advisory Panel and address plans for the 5-year Essential Fish Habitat Review. The Committee will receive an update on the Habitat Blueprint and review the draft workplan and annual report outline. The

Committee will address coral management and provide guidance on the utilization of deepwater coral modelling for management and resubmission of Coral Amendment 10.

SEDAR Committee, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Until 2:30 p.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the SEDAR Steering Committee, address Terms of Reference for the SEDAR assessment of Florida Keys/East Coast Florida and Gulf of Mexico hogfish (SEDAR 94), review the SEDAR schedule, and select species to consider for 2027 assessments.

Council Session II, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 2:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m. and Friday, December 8, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Council will receive a litigation brief if needed, receive a staff report, and a report from the Council Coordination Committee. The Council will review Allocations Review Guidelines and consider approval, receive an update on stakeholder meetings planning, and receive a presentation on offshore wind activities. The Council will approve topics for a meeting of the Law Enforcement AP and receive reports from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center. The Council will receive Committee reports, review its workplan, review upcoming meetings, and take action as necessary. The Council will discuss any other business as needed.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency.

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

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Dated: November 13, 2023.

Key Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 27670

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Iris Segura-Garcia, Ph.D., Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Florida Atlantic University, 5600 US 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34946, has applied in due form for a permit to receive and import cetacean parts for scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 18, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 27670 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 27670 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing

the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to receive and import parts for research from up to 200 individual cetaceans of any species. Sources of samples may include animals in foreign countries stranded alive or dead or that died during rehabilitation, animals in captivity, and samples from other authorized persons. The parts would be used to understand cetaceans (1) foraging strategies when exposed to limited resources and/or disturbed habitats, (2) food web health, and (3) exposure to environmental toxicants and biomarkers of exposure and health effects. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 13, 2023.

Julia M. Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Exempted Fishing Permit Application

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, announces receipt of an exempted fishing permit (EFP) application, and is considering issuance of an EFP that seeks exemption from the requirements at requiring vessel owners and operators to retain sablefish, rex sole, Pacific sanddab and California halibut when on a declared optimized retention bottom trawl or non-whiting midwater trawl trip. At this