Reports, information on relevant Unusual Mortality Events, and recent scientific literature. While estimated populations of the Atlantic spotted dolphin, bottlenose dolphin (Western coastal and Northern Gulf of Mexico stocks), and rough-toothed dolphin (Northern Gulf of Mexico stock) have been updated since the issuance of the initial IHA, NMFS determined that no new information affects our original analysis of impacts or take estimate under the initial IHA.

We refer to the documents related to the previously issued IHA, which include the **Federal Register** notice of the issuance of the initial 2020 IHA for Rio Grande's construction work (85 FR 40250, July 6, 2020), Rio Grande's application, the **Federal Register** notice of the proposed IHA (85 FR 27365, May 8, 2020), and all associated references and documents.

#### **Determinations**

Rio Grande will conduct activities as analyzed in the initial 2020 IHA. As described above, the number of authorized takes of the same species and stocks of marine mammals are identical to the numbers that were found to meet the negligible impact small numbers standards and authorized under the initial IHA and no new information has emerged that would change those findings. The reissued 2025 IHA includes identical required mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures as the initial IHA, and there is no new information suggesting that our analysis or findings should change.

Based on the information contained here and in the referenced documents, NMFS has determined the following: (1) the required mitigation measures will effect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) the authorized takes represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; and (4) Rio Grande's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes.

#### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action with respect to environmental consequences on the human environment.

Accordingly, NMFS determined that the issuance of the initial IHA qualified

to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review. NMFS has determined that the application of this categorical exclusion remains appropriate for this reissued IHA.

#### **Endangered Species Act (ESA)**

Incidental take of ESA-listed species from the specified activities is not expected or authorized. Therefore, NMFS determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

#### Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Rio Grande for in-water construction activities associated with the specified activity from January 15, 2025, through January 14, 2026. All previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements from the initial 2020 IHA are incorporated.

Dated: August 21, 2024.

#### Kimberly Damon-Randall,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, 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: Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Committee, Habitat and Ecosystem Committee, and Snapper Grouper Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and meetings of the Full Council.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held from 10 a.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024, until 12 p.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024.

#### ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (843) 571–1000. 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/september-2024-council-meeting/. Written comments will be accepted from August 30, 2024 until September 10, 2024. 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

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

## Council Session I, Monday, September 16, 2024, 10 a.m. Until 12 p.m. (CLOSED SESSION)

The Council will meet in closed session to receive a litigation brief if needed, address appointments to advisory panels, the Council's Citizen Science Operations Committee and discuss restructuring the Shrimp Advisory Panels (APs).

# Council Session I, Monday, September 16, 2024, 1:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m. and Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Until 3 p.m.

Newly appointed Council members will be sworn in and the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award will be presented. The Council will receive reports from NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard, Council liaisons, and state agencies. The Council will receive staff reports, an update on the Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary, discuss restructuring the Shrimp APs, and hear a report from its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on items not covered during committee meetings.

The Council will also receive agency reports from NOAA Fisheries, an update on the Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC) Flyingfish and Dolphinfish Workgroup meeting, discuss the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Improvement Amendment, receive an update on the

East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative, and review allocations for species that meet the time-based criteria in the Council's Allocation Review Trigger Policy.

#### SEDAR Committee, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 3 p.m. Until 5 p.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the SEDAR Steering Committee, discuss changes to the SEDAR process and identify key stocks, and review species selected for 2026 assessments.

#### Habitat and Ecosystem Committee, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Until 10 a.m.

The Committee will discuss Coral Amendment 10 addressing a fishery access area and consider resubmission to the Secretary of Commerce.

#### Snapper Grouper Committee, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 10 a.m. Until 3:45 p.m., and Thursday, September 19, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Committee will receive an update on Exempted Fishing Permits for red snapper and receive an update on the status of amendments under review from NOAA Fisheries. The Committee will consider public hearing input on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 36 addressing ropeless gear in the Black Sea Bass pot fishery and vessel limits for Gag and Black Grouper, modify the amendment as necessary, and consider recommending the amendment for Secretarial approval. The Committee will consider public hearing input on Amendment 55 addressing management measures for Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper, modify the amendment if necessary, and consider recommending the amendment for Secretarial review. The Committee will also continue to discuss management measures for Black Sea Bass through Snapper Grouper Amendment 56 and provide input to staff for topics for the fall 2024 meeting of the Snapper Grouper AP.

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 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.

Council Session II, Thursday, September 19, 2024, 1:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m. and Friday, September 20, 2024, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Council will receive a litigation brief if needed and elect a Council Chair and Vice Chair.

The Council will receive updates on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary activities and the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Re-Visioning. The Council will receive Committee reports, review the Council Workplan and upcoming meetings, and 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 this group 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.

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are 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.

Dated: August 22, 2024.

#### Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 2024–19226 Filed 8–26–24; 8:45 am]

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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 a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a meeting of its Herring Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

#### ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: This meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245–9300.

Webinar registration URL information: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsfuquqjkiH9dIQ1jpkU2pgrsfVn91VAr1.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

The Herring Advisory Panel will meet to review draft Atlantic herring specifications and river herring and shad catch caps for fishing years 2025-2027 and recommend preferred alternatives. In response to the results of the 2024 management track stock assessment and to meet conservation and management objectives for Atlantic herring, possibly continue discussion on whether to recommend additional management measures to the Committee, including the possibility of initiating a framework adjustment or considering in-season adjustments for 2024 and 2025 catch limits, along with any other recommendations as appropriate. The Panel will make recommendations to the Atlantic Herring Committee, as appropriate, and discuss other business, as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject 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 the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy