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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081502F]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Oversight Committee in September, 2002. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Monday, September 9, 2002, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Providence Biltmore, 11 Dorrance Street, Kennedy Plaza, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 421-0700.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet to develop recommendations for approval of final alternatives in the annual adjustment to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (Framework Adjustment 15 to the FMP); options under consideration for the 2003 fishing year include but are not limited to: an adjustment to the annual day-at-sea allocations for vessels with limited access permits, continuing the controlled access program for one or both of the Hudson Canyon and VA/NC Areas, and a day-at-sea tradeoff exemption procedure. The committee will also review the Habitat Committee's recommendations for alternatives in Amendment 10 and may develop advice for the September 10-12, 2002 Council meeting. Other business may be taken up as needed.

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action during this meeting. 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.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081502E]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) Groundfish Plan Team meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) GOA and BS/AI Groundfish Plan Team will meet in Alaska.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 9-10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Groundfish Plan Teams will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg. 4, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council Staff: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, the 9th of September at 1 p.m., the Groundfish Plan Teams will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center. Items to be discussed include, Status of DPSEIS, SSL Protection Measures, Ecosystem Chapter, Other Species update, ESA listings. BS/AI will review preliminary drafts of Arrowtooth, Eastern Bering Sea Pollock and Atka

mackerel. GOA will review a preliminary draft of pollock hydroacoustic survey results, assessment update.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081502H]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of Alaska Working Group will meet in Kodiak, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 19-21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive, in the Harbor Room, Kodiak, AK 99615.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Thursday, September 19th, the committee will meet starting at 1 p.m.

through noon on Saturday, September 21st, to review staff discussion papers on a preliminary data report, rockfish bycatch, converting halibut trawl bycatch into longline or pot directed fishery quota shares, the effects of an extended groundfish fishing season on halibut bycatch, alternative approaches to rationalizing Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries, and additional proposals for elements and options for analysis. An update on the public scoping process will be presented. Opportunities for public comment will be scheduled each day.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081502C]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory bodies will meet September 7-13, 2002. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, September 10, at 10 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 10 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Columbia River, 1401 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217; telephone: 503-283-2111.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. All items listed are subject to potential Council action.

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions
2. Council Member Appointments
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Approve Agenda
6. Approve March and April Minutes

B. Habitat Issues

Essential Fish Habitat Issues

C. Groundfish Management

1. NMFS Report on Groundfish Management
2. Final Harvest Levels and Other Specifications for 2003
3. Adoption of 2003 Groundfish Management Measures

4. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments

5. Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP): Update and New Proposals

6. Groundfish Programmatic and Essential Fish Habitat FMP Environmental Impact Statements

7. Update on Amendment 16- Rebuilding Plans

8. Groundfish Stock Assessment Priorities for 2003

9. Amendment 17- Multi-Year Management

10. Scoping for Delegation of Nearshore Management Authority

D. Salmon Management

1. NMFS Report
2. Update of Ongoing Fisheries
3. Scientific and Statistical Committee Methodology Review Priorities

E. Marine Reserves

1. Marine Reserve Proposals for Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary
2. Update on Marine Reserves Processes

F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Status of 2002 Pacific Halibut Fisheries
2. Proposed Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations

G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. NMFS Report
2. Pacific Sardine Fishery Update

H. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Legislative Matters
2. Financial Matters
3. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums
4. Council Staff Work Load Priorities
5. November 2002 Council Meeting Draft Agenda

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2002

Groundfish Management Team

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2002

Groundfish Management Team

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

Council Secretariat

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

Groundfish Management Team

Scientific and Statistical Committee

Salmon Advisory Subpanel

Salmon Technical Team

Habitat Committee

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