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Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904; NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Request A Panel Review

SUMMARY: On February 26, 2002, The Government of Canada filed a Notice of Intent to Request A Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904.4 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Notice was based on the Notice of Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Affirmative Critical Circumstances Determination, and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination With Final Antidumping Duty Determination regarding Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada, made by the United States International Trade Administration. This determinations were published in the **Federal Register**, (66 FR 43186) on August 17, 2001. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-CDA-2002-1904-03 to this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and

the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A Notice of Intent to Request A Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904.4 of the Agreement, on February 27, 2002, requesting that a panel be established in accordance with the Article outlined above.

Article 1904.4 provide in part that:

Where the competent investigating authority of the importing Party has imposed provisional measures in an investigation, the other involved Party may provide notice of its intention to request a panel under this Article, and the Parties shall being to establish a panel at that time.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings April 8-17, 2002, in Anchorage, Alaska. All meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

DATES: The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, April 8, and continue through Saturday, April 13, 2002. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 8, and continue through Wednesday, April 10, 2002.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, continuing through noon Wednesday, April 17. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for a schedule of other meetings and the agenda.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Other Committee/Workgroup Meetings Scheduled:

The *Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) Implementation and Cost Recovery Committee* will meet Sunday, April 7, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel to review regulatory amendments to the IFQ program and develop recommendations for the Council.

The *Gulf of Alaska Workgroup* will meet Tuesday, April 9, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel to continue developing recommendations for rationalization of the Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries.

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports:
 - (a) Executive Director's Report.
 - (b) State Fisheries Report by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.
 - (c) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Management Report.
 - (d) U.S. Coast Guard Enforcement and Surveillance report.
 - (e) Report on sea otters from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
2. Observer Program: final action on regulatory amendments and program extension.
3. Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program: Final action on implementation regulatory amendments and community purchase of quota share amendment.
4. Halibut Subsistence:
 - (a) Receive report on the Proposed Rule for October 2000 Council action on halibut subsistence.
 - (b) Receive report from Halibut Subsistence Committee on proxy issues.
 - (c) Final action on amendments to October 2000 Council action on halibut subsistence.
5. Community Development Quota Policy Amendment: Identify preferred alternative.
6. Crab Management:
 - (a) Initial review of analysis for rationalization of Bering Sea/Aleutian Island crab fisheries.
 - (b) Finalize suite of alternatives for the environmental impact statement for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan.
7. Draft Programmatic Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement:

(a) Review report from the Ecosystem Committee (tentative).

(b) Clarify purpose and need statement.

(c) Review alternatives for revised analysis

8. American Fisheries Act:

(a) Initial review of processor sideboards, improved retention/ utilization adjustments and bycatch reduction measures.

(b) Initial review of additional Pacific cod sideboard measures.

(c) Initial review of single geographic location change, including clarification of Inshore-offshore and Catcher Vessel Operational Area regulations.

(d) Review industry proposal for pollock bycatch measures and provide direction.

9. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH):

(a) Review progress and EFH Committee report; provide direction.

(b) Review recommendations from the joint Council/Alaska Board of Fisheries Protocol Committee.

10. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Rationalization: Review progress from working group; provide direction.

11. Steller Sea Lions: Initial review of trailing amendments.

12. Review staff tasking and provide direction.

13. Discuss annual management cycle and Council Statement of Operating Policy and Procedures.

14. Discuss and identify research priorities.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during the meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC): The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Election of Officers.

2. Crab Management (Item #6 on the Council agenda).

3. American Fisheries Act issues (Item #8 on the Council agenda).

4. Essential Fish Habitat (Item #9 on the Council agenda).

5. Draft Programmatic Groundfish SEIS (Item #7 on the Council agenda).

6. Steller Sea Lion trailing amendment (Item #11 on the Council agenda).

7. Research Priorities (Item #13 on the Council agenda).

Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will elect officer for the coming year and address the same agenda issues as the

Council, with the exception of the Reports under Item 1 of the Council agenda.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting 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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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 entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet April 7-12, 2002. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, April 9, at 8 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 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings and hearing 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) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions,

2. Roll Call

3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve September and November Meeting Minutes

B. Mitchell Act

C. Salmon Management

1. Report on Federal Regulation Implementation

2. Identification of Stocks Not Meeting Escapement Goals for Three Consecutive Years

3. Methodology Reviews for 2002

4. Tentative Adoption of 2002 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

5. Clarify Council Direction on 2002 Management Measures, (If Necessary)

6. Final Action on 2002 Measures

7. Clarification of Final Action on 2002 Measures, (If Necessary)

D. Marine Reserves

1. Status of Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary Proposal and Other Marine Reserves Processes

E. Habitat Issues

1. Essential Fish Habitat Issues

F. Groundfish Management

1. Status of NMFS Regulatory and Other Nonregulatory Activities

2. Permit Stacking Issues

3. Status of Fisheries and

Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

4. Rebuilding Plan Status Report

5. Groundfish Multi-year Management Cycle

6. Stock Assessment Review Process Issues

7. Exempted Fishing Permit Applications

8. Fisheries Ecosystem Plan for Northern California

9. Yelloweye Landings in Halibut Fishery Area

10. Strategic Plan Implementation

11. Statements

12. Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement

G. Pacific Halibut Management

1. 2002 Incidental Catch Regulations

2. Final Action on 2002 Management Measures

H. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Status of Legislation

2. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums

3. Council's "Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures" and "Council Operating Procedures" Documents

4. Research and Data Needs Process and Economic Data Plan

5. Council Staff Workload Priorities

6. June 2002 Council Meeting Draft Agenda

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2002 |