

Aleutian Island pollock and GOA rockfish.

8. American Fisheries Act: Review 2003 co-op reports and 2004 co-op agreements.

9. Draft Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement (DPSEIS): (a) Report on comments received on draft; (b) Report on Endangered Species Act Consultation; (c) Review Groundfish Fishery Management Plan.

10. Steller Sea Lion (SSL) mitigation adjustments in GOA: Review NMFS informal consultation.

11. Groundfish Management: (a) Review National Bycatch Strategy and Alaska Region Report; (b) Review Crab/Groundfish overfishing definitions and multispecies models (SSC); (c) Review Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) request for rockfish fishery.

12. Scallop Management: (a) Review Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation; (b) Discuss Fishery Management Plan update.

13. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and provide direction to staff.

14. Other Business.

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

1. C-1 Observer Program
2. C-4 HAPC
3. C-5 Crab EIS
4. C-8 DPSEIS
5. C-9 SSL Mitigations
6. D-1 Groundfish Management
7. D-2 Scallop Management

Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.

Enforcement Committee: The Enforcement Committee will meet during each meeting of the Council to discuss enforcement issues or concerns related to any subject on the Council agenda.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these 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 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific 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 Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for Pacific whiting will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Pacific whiting STAR Panel will meet February 2, 2004 through February 4, 2004. Each day, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The Pacific whiting STAR Panel meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Auditorium, 2725 Montlake Blvd. E, Seattle, WA 98112; telephone: (206) 860-3200.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Burner, Groundfish Staff Officer: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

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Science Center, car pooling and mass transit are encouraged.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in STAR Panel agendas may come before the STAR Panel for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Panel action during this meeting. STAR Panel 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Panel's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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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 meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting to plan annual management measures, the biennial management cycle, and strategize 2004 Council initiatives. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will convene on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 4 through Friday, February 6 until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GMT working meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador