

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Research Steering Committee will: develop a description that applies to the "technical review" of research projects that will be evaluated by the committee; clarify its position on days-at-sea use, the disposition of catch and vessel compensation when boats are engaged in cooperative research; initiate a discussion of research priorities for 2005; and possibly conduct a review of a completed final report provided by NOAA Fisheries' cooperative research program using the RCS's recently developed process for project review.

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 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.

Dated: July 14, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071304C]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement Oversight Committee (EIS Oversight Committee) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public, to develop alternatives for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: The EIS Oversight Committee working meeting will occur Monday, August 16, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, August 18, 2004 from 8 a.m. to close of business on that day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Pine Room at Embassy Suites Portland Airport Hotel, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 460-3000

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kit Dahl, NEPA Specialist; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this EIS Oversight Committee meeting is to develop a preliminary range of alternatives to designate EFH for the fish species managed under the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan and alternatives to mitigate the impacts of fishing on that EFH. The Council will review the range of alternatives and consider adopting them for analysis in an environmental impact statement at their September 13-17, 2004, meeting in San Diego, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the EIS Oversight Committee meeting agenda may come before the committee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal EIS Oversight Committee action during these meetings. EIS Oversight Committee action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and to any issues arising after publication of this document requiring emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the EIS Oversight Committee's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503)820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 14, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permit File No. 1260

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS, Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1260.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received on or before August 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular modification request would be appropriate.

Comments may be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1260 Modification-hoop net study.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay, (301)713-1401 or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification request to Permit No. 1260, issued on June 29, 2001 (66