

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The draft environmental assessment (EA) evaluates the effects of submarine fiber optic cables owned by Pacific Crossing, Ltd. in the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS). The EA evaluates eight alternative actions NOAA may take to address impacts associated with the current disposition of the cables. NOAA is soliciting comments and recommendations from the public regarding remediation alternatives and their impacts. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is a cooperating agency in this EA.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 24, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the draft environmental assessment to Carol Bernthal, OCNMS Superintendent (PC-1 Cables Remediation Review), 115 E. Railroad Ave. Suite 301, Port Angeles, Washington 98362 or via e-mail to [carol.bernthal@noaa.gov](mailto:carol.bernthal@noaa.gov). Copies of the draft environmental assessment document can be downloaded from the NMSP Web site at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/library/library.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In November 1999, NOAA issued an authorization/special use permit to Pacific Crossing, Ltd. for installation by its contractor, Tyco Submarine Systems, Ltd., of two fiber optic cables through OCNMS. NOAA is considering amending the permit or issuing a new permit to address the condition of the cables. NOAA's goal is to fully achieve the objectives of the terms and conditions of the permit, which would prevent chronic damage to resources, substantially reduce risks to resources and fishers, and restore access to Native Americans to their treaty-reserved fishing grounds. NOAA is evaluating various remedial options to determine which option or combination of options would be most suitable to achieve this goal. The options range from no action to complete removal and reburial of the cables. ACOE, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, has permitting authority for obstructions to navigation, and pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act has permitting authority for the discharge of dredge or fill material in waters of the United States. As a cooperating agency, ACOE is considering modifying the existing Section 10/404 permit it issued for the Pacific Crossing cables to allow the proposed remediation in OCNMS to be performed.

Dated: October 5, 2005.

**Charles W. Challstrom,**

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Habitat Committee (HC) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The HC meeting will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2005, from 10 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The HC meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, St. Helens-A Conference Room, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232; telephone: (503) 231-6880.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer Gilden, Associate Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Attendees should check in on the 11th floor upon arrival. The purpose of the HC meeting is to review habitat-related issues on the agenda of the November 2005 Council meeting in San Diego, CA. Agenda items include issues associated with the Klamath River, and essential fish habitat issues associated with energy development.

No management actions will be decided by the HC. Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the HC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 5, 2005.

**Emily Menashes,**

*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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**Amendment to Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; amendment to final guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service publishes this notice to amend the Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). For those grants issued in fiscal year 2002 only, CELCP may extend the financial assistance award period of grants issued in fiscal year 2002 for two additional years, totaling a maximum award duration of five years.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact: Elisabeth Morgan, 301-713-3155 X166, [elisabeth.morgan@noaa.gov](mailto:elisabeth.morgan@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program was established pursuant to Public Law 107-77 "for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses." The Final Guidelines for CELCP was published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 2003 (68 FR 35860). The Final Guidelines stated that the standard financial assistance award period is 18 months, and could be