

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[Docket No. 960223046-4076-09; I.D. 020404D]

RIN 0648-ZA09

Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects to Strengthen and Develop the U.S. Fishing Industry (Saltonstall-Kennedy Program)

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NMFS cancels the competitive Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program for fiscal year 2004 due to insufficient funding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alicia Jarboe, 301-713-2358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The S-K Grant Program solicitation was originally included in the NOAA Omnibus Notice, Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2004, published in the *Federal Register* on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38678). Due to insufficient funding, NMFS cancels the competitive grant program announced in that solicitation.

NMFS will return to the applicants all applications NMFS received in response to the solicitation.

The S-K Grant Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) under Grant Program 11.427, Fisheries Development and Utilization Research and Development Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

William T. Hogarth,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 031604D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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 4-9, 2004. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, April 5 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 Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: 916-922-8041.

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.

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

- A. Call to Order
 1. Opening Remarks and Introductions
 2. Roll Call
 3. Executive Director's Report
 4. Approve Agenda
- B. Administrative Matters
 1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 2. Regulatory Streamlining Process
 3. Fiscal Matters
 4. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums
 5. Staff Workload Priorities and Draft June 2004 Council Meeting Agenda
- C. Groundfish Management
 1. NMFS Report
 2. Groundfish Allocation Recommendations
 3. Groundfish Management Team Check-in on Inseason Management Issues (If Necessary)
 4. Observer Data and Model Implementation
 5. Policy on Groundfish Management Information Usage
 6. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 7. Status of 2004 Groundfish Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments
 8. Final Harvest Levels for 2005-06 Fisheries
 9. Review of Experimental Fishery Permit (EFP) Activities for 2003 and Initial Concepts for 2005-06
 10. Stock Assessment Planning for 2007-08 Fisheries Management
 11. Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 16-3: Rebuilding Plans for

Cowcod, and Widow and Yelloweye Rockfish

12. Bycatch Programmatic EIS
13. Adoption of 2005-06 Proposed Management Alternatives for Public Review
14. Latent Limited Entry Trawl Permits
15. Inseason
 - D. Salmon Management
 1. Identification of Stocks Not Meeting Conservation Objectives for Three Consecutive Years
 2. Methodology Review Process for 2004
 3. Final Action on 2004 Salmon Management Measures
 - E. Habitat
 - Current Habitat Issues
 - F. Pacific Halibut Management
 - Adopt Final 2004 Incidental Catch Regulations for Salmon Troll and Fished Gear Sablefish Fisheries
 - G. Highly Migratory Species Management
 1. NMFS Report
 2. Endangered Species Act Considerations Related to Sea Turtle/Longline Fishery Interactions
 3. FMP Amendment for Limited Entry in the High Seas Pelagic Longline Fishery

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, April 4, 2004

Groundfish Management Team 9 a.m.
Klamath Fishery Management Council 3 p.m.

MONDAY, April 5, 2004

Council Secretariat 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Joint Committees Briefing on EFH EIS 9 a.m.
Habitat Committee 9 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants 4 p.m.
Klamath Fishery Management Council As necessary
Tribal Policy Group As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical Group As necessary

TUESDAY, April 6, 2004

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team 8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Klamath Fishery Management Council
As necessary

Tribal Policy Group As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical
Group As necessary
Enforcement Consultants 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 7, 2004

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory
Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Klamath Fishery Management Council
As necessary

Tribal Policy Group As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical
Group As necessary
Enforcement Consultants As
necessary

THURSDAY, April 8, 2004

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Tribal Policy Group As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical
Group As necessary
Enforcement Consultants As
necessary

FRIDAY, April 9, 2004

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team As
necessary
Salmon Advisory Subpanel As
necessary
Salmon Technical Team As necessary
Tribal Policy Group As necessary
Tribal and Washington Technical
Group As necessary
Enforcement Consultants As
necessary

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Conservation and Management 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 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: March 16, 2004.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031604E]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Data and Review (SEDAR) Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR process and assessment priorities. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**
DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149; telephone: (305)361-4200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, SEDAR Coordinator, SEDAR/SAFMC, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils; in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks. The SEDAR Steering Committee provides oversight of the SEDAR

process and establishes assessment priorities.

The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet April 7, 2004, to discuss assessment priorities for the next 3 SEDAR cycles to be held in 2004 and 2005, review the SEDAR process, evaluate funding, and consider the role of SEDAR in assessing highly migratory stocks with particular emphasis on future coastal shark assessments.

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the SEDAR office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 16, 2004.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Availability for Public Comment of the Reserve Operations Plan for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On December 4, 2000, Executive Order 13178 established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-513, section 6g, November 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2385). The Reserve extends