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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, in Portland, OR.

DATES: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council will meet on February 5-13, 2007. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Benson Hotel, 309 Southwest Broadway, Portland, OR 97205.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Witherell, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7, continuing through February 13, 2007. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, February 5 and continue through Saturday February 10. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5 and continue through Friday February 7, 2007. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Parliament Room 3&4; the Ecosystem Committee will meet February 6, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Parliament Room 3&4.

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

Executive Director's Report (including Magnuson-Stevens Act Update)

NMFS Management Report (including legal opinion on Community Development Quotas (CDQ) (T) and Agency report on Area 2A catch sharing plan)

Enforcement Report
U.S. Coast Guard Report
Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
U.S. Department of State Report
International Pacific Halibut Commission Report

Protected Species Report (including SSC review of List of Fisheries methodology and Steller Sea Lion Mitigation (SSLMC) ranking tool)
2. Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Review and adopt revised workplan.
3. American Fisheries Act (AFA) Pollock Cooperatives (Coop): Review Coop reports for 2006, and plans for 2007.

4. Seabird Interactions: Final action to revise regulations. (T)
5. Charter Halibut Management: Review report on Area 2A catch sharing plan (report under B-2); initial review of moratorium analysis; review workplan for regulatory amendment package (SSC only).

6. Trawl License Limitation Program (LLP) Recency: Initial review of analysis. (T)

7. Trawl License Limitation Program Recency: Preliminary review of analysis and direction as necessary.

8. Bering Sea and Aleutian Island split for Pacific cod: Review discussion paper; Pacific cod genetics workshop (SSC only).

9. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Management Issues: Review discussion paper on sector splits and latent licenses.

10. Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Requirements: Preliminary review of draft analysis to implement comprehensive VMS program.

11. Groundfish Management: Initial review Dark Rockfish management amendment package; review summary of Center for Independent Experts Report on rockfish (SSC only); review discussion paper on GOA arrowtooth Maximum Retainable Amount (MRA). (T)

12. Bering Sea Aleutian Island Crab (BSAI): Initial review of BSAI crab overfishing definition analysis; discussion paper on Aleutian Island crab custom processing caps; review information on crab vessel use caps; discuss proposed contents of crab rationalization 18 month review report.

13. Salmon Bycatch: Update on BSAI Amendment 84; review discussion paper on process to estimate interim

caps/spatial analysis, and refine alternatives as necessary.

14. Habitat Conservation: Initial review of analysis to adjust the Aleutian Island Habitat Conservation Area; preliminary review of analysis to conserve Bering Sea habitat.

15. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking and take action as necessary; review progress report on Aleutian Island Fishery Ecosystem Plan.
16. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Protected Species
2. Seabird Interactions (T)
3. Halibut Charter Management
4. Trawl LLP Recency
5. Pacific cod genetics
6. VMS requirements
7. Groundfish Management
8. BSAI Crab
9. Salmon Bycatch
10. Habitat Conservation
11. Aleutian Island Fishery Ecosystem Plan

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

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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James P. Burgess,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011707B]

Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake / Whiting will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel will meet beginning at 1 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2007 and will continue on Tuesday, February 6, 2007

beginning at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, February 9, 2007. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and conclude by noon on Friday, February 9, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/Whiting will be held at the Silver Cloud Inn University, 5036 25th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105; telephone: (206) 526-5200.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (206) 437-5670; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/Whiting is to review draft 2007 stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information for Pacific whiting, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons for developing management recommendations for 2007 fisheries. No management actions will be decided by the review Panel. The Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Sacramento, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the review panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Joint Canada-U.S. Panel action during this meeting. Review 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 participants' 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.

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James P. Burgess,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011107C]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for a scientific research permit from Stillwater Sciences (Stillwater) in Berkeley, California (1282). The permit would affect federally threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon, endangered Central California Coast coho salmon, threatened California Coastal Chinook salmon, endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, threatened Northern California steelhead, threatened Central California Coast steelhead, threatened California Central Valley steelhead, threatened South-Central California Coast steelhead, and endangered Southern California steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 21, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted by e-mail must be sent to the following address: *FRNpermits.SR@noaa.gov*. The application and related documents are available for review by appointment, for Permit 1282: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 315, Santa Rosa, California 95404 (ph: 707-575-6097, fax: 707-578-3435).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Jahn at phone number 707-575-6097, or e-mail: *Jeffrey.Jahn@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16

U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (*O. kisutch*), threatened California Coastal Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), Northern California steelhead (*O. mykiss*), threatened Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*), threatened California Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*), threatened South-Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and endangered Southern California steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Application Received

Stillwater requests a 5-year permit (1282) for take of juvenile Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon, Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, Northern California steelhead, Central California Coast steelhead, California Central Valley steelhead, South-Central California Coast steelhead, and Southern California steelhead; and adult Central California Coast steelhead and California Central Valley steelhead associated with 11 scientific research projects located throughout California.

Project 1 is a salmonid population abundance, out-migration monitoring,