

overall U.S. trend, and the population trend in any two adjacent sub-regions can not be declining significantly; and (4) all five listing factors are addressed.

The western DPS of Steller sea lion may be delisted when all of the following conditions have been met: (1) Counts of non-pups in the U.S. portion of the DPS have increased at an average annual rate of 3 percent for 30 years (i.e., 3 generations); (2) the population ecology and vital rates in the U.S. region are consistent with the observed trend; (3) the non-pup trends in at least 5 of the 7 sub-regions are consistent with the overall U.S. trend; the population trend in any two adjacent sub-regions can not be declining significantly, and the population trend in any single sub-region can not have declined by more than 50 percent; and (4) all five listing factors are addressed.

The eastern DPS of Steller sea lion may be delisted when all of the following have been met: (1) The population has increased at an average rate of 3 percent per year for 30 years (i.e., 3 generations); (2) the population ecology and vital rates are consistent with the observed trend; and (4) all five listing factors are addressed.

Time and cost for recovery actions are contained in the Plan. The recovery program for the western DPS will cost \$93,840,000 for the first 5 fiscal years and \$430,425,000 to full recovery assuming 30 years for recovery starting in 2000, and using year 5 costs as the cost for all future years. The recovery program for the eastern DPS will cost \$150,000 for the first year and \$1,050,000 total for 10 years of post-delisting monitoring.

In accordance with the 1994 peer review policy, NMFS solicited peer review on the draft Plan. Reviews were requested from 5 scientists and managers with expertise in recovery planning, statistical analyses, fisheries, and marine mammals. The reviews of the Plan were generally favorable. In particular, the reviewers found the recovery criteria to be well reasoned and supported. In response to reviewer's comments, changes were made to the plan to clarify the recovery criteria, add delisting criteria for the western DPS, and focus priorities and actions. NMFS anticipates that many of the recommendations made by the reviewers will be addressed in an implementation and research plan which NMFS intends to develop after the Plan is finalized. Reviewers' comments and NMFS' formal response to the comments will be provided in detail in the final recovery plan.

### Public Comments Solicited

NMFS solicits written comments on the draft Revised Recovery Plan. All substantive comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to final approval of the Plan. NMFS seeks comments particularly in the following areas: (1) The threats assessment; (2) the biological and threats criteria for removing the Steller sea lion from the Federal list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; (3) the recovery strategy and measures; and (4) estimates of time and cost to implement recovery actions.

### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 18, 2006.

### Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 060404095-6132-02]

### Northern Gulf of Mexico Cooperative Institute

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 2006 announcing availability of funds to establish a Northern Gulf of Mexico (NGOM) Cooperative Institute (CI). That notice contained an error in the description of how proposals on cost-sharing would be evaluated. This notice corrects the error.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. John Cortinas, 1315 East West Highway, Room 11554, Silver Spring, Md. 20910 telephone 301-713-9397 x 206. Facsimile: (301) 713-0158; e-mail: [John.Cortinas@noaa.gov](mailto:John.Cortinas@noaa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of April 10, 2006, in FR Volume 71, Number 68, on page 18084, the second sentence in the section on cost sharing requirements is

incorrect. The sentence, "There is no minimum cost sharing requirement, however, the amount of cost sharing will be considered in determining the level of CI commitment under NOAA's standard evaluation of project costs" is corrected to read, "There is no minimum cost sharing requirement; however, the amount of cost sharing will be considered when determining the level of the CI's commitment under NOAA's standard evaluation criterion for overall qualifications of applicants."

All other requirements and information listed in the original notice remains the same.

### Classification

#### *Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements*

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389) are applicable to this solicitation.

#### *Limitation of Liability*

Funding for years 2-5 of the Cooperative Institute is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for application preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

#### *Paperwork Reduction Act*

This notification involves collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF-LLL and CD-346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) respectively under control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046 and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### *Executive Order 12866*

It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

#### *Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)*

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with

Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

*Administrative Procedure Act/  
Regulatory Flexibility Act*

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comments are not required pursuant to U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and none has been prepared.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

**Mark E. Brown,**

*Chief Financial Officer, OAR, National  
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration**

[I.D. 051806B]

**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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory entities will meet June 11-16, 2006. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, June 13, at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday, June 16. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13 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 Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404; telephone: (650) 570-5700.

*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. Future Council Meeting Agenda Planning
2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

**3. Legislative Matters**

4. Fiscal Matters
5. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forum, Including any Necessary Changes to Council Operating Procedures
6. Council Three-Meeting Outlook, Draft September 2006 Council Meeting Agenda, and Workload Priorities

**C. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

1. Pacific Mackerel Harvest Guideline for 2006-07 Season
2. NMFS Report

**D. Habitat**

1. Current Habitat Issues
- E. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. Changes to Routine Management Measures for 2007-08 Season

2. Exempted Fishing Permits for 2007-08 Season

3. Albacore Management

**F. Groundfish Management**

1. NMFS Report
2. Tentative Adoption of 2007-08 Groundfish Fishery Specifications/Management Measures and Amendment 16-4

3. Trawl Individual Quota Analysis - Review of Stage I Document

4. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

5. Council Clarification of Tentative Adoption of 2007-08 Groundfish Fishery Specifications/Management Measures and Amendment 16-4 (if necessary)

6. Final Adoption of 2007-08 Groundfish Fishery Specifications/Management Measures and Amendment 16-4

**G. Salmon Management**

1. Fishery Regulation Assessment Model
2. Fishery Management Plan Amendment 15 (de minimis fisheries)
3. Application of Genetic Stock Identification in Ocean Salmon Fisheries

*Schedule of Ancillary Meetings*

**SUNDAY, June 11, 2006**

Groundfish Management Team — 1 p.m.  
Trawl Individual Quota Committee — 1 p.m.

**MONDAY, June 12, 2006**

Council Secretariat — 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel — 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team — 8 a.m.  
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel — 8 a.m.  
Scientific and Statistical Committee — 8 a.m.  
Habitat Committee — 9 a.m.  
Budget Committee — 10:30 a.m.  
Legislative Committee — 1 p.m.  
Enforcement Consultants — 4:30 p.m.  
Chair's Reception — 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, June 13, 2006**

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.  
Scientific and Statistical Committee — 8 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants — As necessary

**WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2006**

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 Amendment Committee — 8 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants — As necessary

**THURSDAY, June 15, 2006**

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.  
Enforcement Consultants — As necessary

**FRIDAY, June 16, 2006**

Council Secretariat — 7 a.m.  
California State Delegation — 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation — 7 a.m.  
Washington State Delegation — 7 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants — As necessary  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel — As necessary  
Groundfish Management Team — As necessary

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those