

office. The election of Council Officers will occur from 1:30–1:45 p.m. From 1:45–4 p.m., the Council will meet to adopt dogfish specifications for the 2006/2007 fishing year. From 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., the Council will receive a presentation from NMFS officials regarding its proposed rule to consolidate its Atlantic Highly Migratory Species FMP. An Ecosystems Scoping meeting will be held from 7–8 p.m.

On Wednesday, October 5, the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee will meet from 8–11 a.m. The Council will convene at 11 a.m. to address Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass issues and conduct its regular business activities.

On Thursday, October 6, the Executive Committee will meet from 8–9 a.m. and the Council will convene at 9 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. to receive third party reports and presentations, and address any continuing or new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 14, 2005.

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. 091405A]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978)465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

The committee will meet to continue development of Framework Adjustment 42 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will review the results of recent groundfish assessments and will consider changes to management measures that may be necessary to achieve Amendment 13 mortality objectives. These changes may include, but are not limited to, changes in days-at-sea, closed areas, possession limits, or gear requirements. Changes may be considered to the regulations for both commercial and recreational vessels. The committee will consider a report from the Groundfish Plan Development Team when developing these alternatives. The Committee's decisions will be forwarded to the Council at a future meeting.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091405B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings October 5 through 11, 2005, at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, October 3 and continue through Friday October 7, 2005. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday October 3 and continue through Wednesday, October 5, 2005.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 5, continuing through October 11, 2005. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, October 4, from 1 to 5 pm.

ADDRESSES: Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907–271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 report on freezer longline buyback and report on SSC operations per peer review requirements)

NMFS Management Report (includes update on Amendment 79)
U.S. Coast Guard Report
Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Report
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
Protected Species Report (Report on Right Whale critical habitat designation; receive report on Board of Fisheries/North Pacific Fishery Management Council pollock fishery subcommittee; update on Endangered Species Act (ESA) Salmon consultation; Fishery Management Plan (FMP) level Biological Opinion (BiOp) discussion/schedule)

2. Halibut Charter

Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs) Status Report and action as necessary. Review Halibut Charter Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQ) letter from Dr. Hogarth.

3. Community Development Quotas (CDQ) Issues

Initial review of Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review (EA/RIR) on management CDQ reserves; report from Blue Ribbon Panel, update on Amendment 71 and status on CDQ allocation process and action as necessary.

4. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU)

Initial review of Amendment 80 Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (EA/RIR/IRFA) (Head and Gut Cooperatives); Select preliminary preferred alternative.

5. Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Salmon Bycatch

Final action on EA/RIR for Amendment 84; Discuss package B; review alternatives and timelines for analysis; SSC workshop on salmon stock ID; review cooperative salmon research.

6. BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations

Review alternatives, components, and options, action as necessary.

7. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Rationalization

Review preliminary community data; review other data and information and revise alternatives/options as appropriate; review crab and salmon bycatch data, alternatives, and options.

8. Bairdi Crab Split

Final action on amendment.

9. Halibut/Sablefish IFQ Program

Initial review of omnibus amendment package (T).

10. Groundfish Management

Initial review EA and proposed specifications for 2006/07, Review Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) ecosystem chapter, Rockfish Management, review discussion paper (T); Review discussion paper on BSAI pollock A-season start date; Review strawman problem statement and alternatives for Bering Sea Habitat Conservation/Essential Fish Habitat. (T)

11. Ecosystem Approaches

Status report on Aleutian Island Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Ecosystem Approach Management.

12. Crab Management

Review SAFE report for Crab Management.

13. Staff Tasking

14. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. SSC Operations
2. IR/IU
3. BSAI Salmon Bycatch
4. CDQ Issues
5. Halibut/Sablefish IFQs
6. Groundfish Management
7. Ecosystem Approaches
8. Crab Management

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

Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091405C]

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's (Council) Highly

Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) and Ad Hoc Highly Migratory Species Management Committee (HMSMC) will hold work sessions, which are open to the public.

DATES: The HMSMT work session will be Monday, October 3, 2005, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Tuesday, October 4, 2005, beginning at 8 a.m. until business is completed, the HMSMT will hold a joint work session with the HMSMC. The HMSMT may continue its own work on Tuesday after the joint session ends, time permitting.

ADDRESSES: The work sessions will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Large Conference Room, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, Room D-203, La Jolla, CA 92037, (858) 546-7000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Fishery Management Council (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The main purpose of the HMSMT work session is to further develop a preliminary range of alternatives for the modification of the annual August 15 through November 15 prohibition on drift gillnet fishing in federal and state waters in Monterey Bay, California and vicinity north to the 45 N latitude intersect with the Oregon Coast (66 FR 44549). The HMSMT discussed preliminary concepts for alternatives at their August 3-5, 2005, meeting. At this meeting they will further develop these alternatives and review available analyses. These alternatives will then be presented to the Council at their October 31-November 4, 2005, meeting, when the Council will consider adopting a range of alternatives for public review.

The purpose of the joint session of the HMSMT and HMSMC is to consider initial proposals which would allow prosecution of a pelagic longline fishery for swordfish while not increasing the overall incidental take of Endangered Species Act-listed sea turtles. These work sessions are for the purpose of developing information for the Council's consideration at a future Council meeting; no management actions will be decided by the HMSMT or HMSMC at these work sessions.

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