

chairman). Spiny dogfish actions regarding Amendment 1 and management measures for the 2003/04 fishing year will be discussed from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monkfish issues and input regarding proposed changes to the current permit moratorium will be discussed from 11:30 a.m. until noon. The Ecosystems Planning Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Enforcement Committee with its Advisors will meet from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursday, October 3, the Council will meet from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to conduct its routine business.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: the Executive Committee will review/approve previously addressed Statement of Operating Practices and Procedures (SOPPs), review draft 2003 annual work plan, and review 2003 grant application if available; the Council will review and discuss the Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee's actions regarding Amendment 1 to the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), review and discuss the Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee's recommendations on dogfish management measures for the 2003/04 fishing year, and adopt management measures for the 2003/04 fishing year; the Council will review monkfish comments received during the supplemental scoping hearings and discuss potential impacts of proposed changes to permit moratorium for monkfish; the Ecosystems Planning Committee will discuss the feasibility of developing and adopting a universal saltwater fishing license; and, discuss and determine research set-aside priorities for 2004; the Enforcement Committee with Advisors will discuss and evaluate the enforceability of at-sea transfer of catch should such a measure be adopted, and review post September 11 enforcement actions and their impacts on marine resources regulations; there will be a presentation on the historical fisheries of the Delaware River and Bay by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the Council will discuss during meeting one of Framework 3 to the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP extending the Illex limited access moratorium for two years; the Council will also receive and discuss organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting; and, act on any continuing and/or new business. Under Continuing and New Business, the council will review and recommend the research set-

aside quota level for the 2003 tilefish fishery.

In conjunction with but separate from this Council meeting, there will be a Joint Dogfish Committee meeting on Monday, September 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to review updated fisheries and stock assessment information, develop 2003/04 management measures, and discuss Amendment 1 to the Spiny Dogfish FMP. Likewise, there will be two public hearings in conjunction with but separate from this Council meeting. On Tuesday evening, October 1, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the New England Fishery Management Council will conduct a public hearing on its Skate FMP. This public hearing will be held to solicit comments on the Draft Skate FMP and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft Skate FMP proposes several alternatives to address the management of the seven species of skates in the Northeast Region skate complex. Written comments will be accepted until October 15, 2002. Please forward comments to Paul Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, The Tannery - Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

On Wednesday evening, October 2 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will conduct a public hearing on Amendment 13 to its Surfclam and Ocean Quahog FMP. Amendment 13 addresses five major issues: (1) A new surfclam overfishing definition, (2) fishing gear impacts to essential fish habitat (EFH), (3) multi-year quotas, (4) suspension of the surfclam minimum size limit, and (5) a vessel monitoring type system. The intended effect of this action is to alert interested public of the commencement of this hearing process to provide for public participation. Written comments will be accepted until October 15, 2002. Please forward comments to Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904.

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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 Joanna Davis at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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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 Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Monday, September 30 through Tuesday, October 8, 2002. 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 Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac, 18740 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98188.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, September 30, and continue through Friday, October 4, 2002. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, September 30, and continue through Wednesday, October 2, 2002.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, continuing through Tuesday October 8, 2002.

*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. Report:
  - (a) Executive Director's Report
  - (b) NMFS Management Report
  - (c) Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Management Report
  - (d) Coast Guard Report
  - (e) Report from independent legal review team
  - (f) Report from Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee
2. Crab Rationalization: Provide clarification on aspects of June 2002 motion. Receive three Committee reports. Initial review of trailing amendments. Receive update on Crab Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) progress and Congressional actions. Review and provide information on new proposals. Crab Plan Team and Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee reports.
3. Steller Sea Lion (SSL) management measures: Receive update on litigation, final action on two trailing amendments. Final action on Cape Sarichef closure.
4. Draft Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DPSEIS): Receive status report.
5. Improved Retention and Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Receive report from IR/IU Technical Committee. Final action on amendment package for flatfish requirements. Provide direction on trailing amendments.
6. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Receive Committee report, identify final alternatives for analysis.
7. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Rationalization: Review scoping paper and receive update on scoping meetings. Receive Committee report and provide direction as necessary.
8. Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program: Review and comment on the State's proposed CDQ allocations.
9. Observer Program: Review Committee report and provide direction as necessary.
10. American Fisheries Act (AFA): Initial review of Pacific cod sideboard package. Final action on single geographic location amendment.
11. Halibut Management: Review implementation issues and data issues related to Charterboat Guideline Harvest Levels (GHL) and Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQ) programs and proceed as appropriate. Review discussion paper on implementation issues RE: April 2002 proposed subsistence amendments (including community harvest permits). Request from Akutan for inclusion in GOA IFQ community purchase program.
12. Groundfish Issues: Report from F40 independent review team. Final action on total allowable catch (TAC) setting process (Amendment 48/48).

Review 2002 draft GOA and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report and recommend proposed and interim groundfish specifications. Review 'other species' breakout and associated issues. Set Vessel Incentive Program (VIP) rates for first half of 2003.

13. Other Business: Approve Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) replacement for Dr. Al Tyler. Approve appointment to GOA Groundfish Plan Team. Discuss joint meeting with Board of Fish in 2003. Clarification of Council intent on Amendment 67. North Pacific Research Board update on research priorities.

14. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and provide direction as appropriate (includes discussion of fixed gear cod allocations, and review information and determine workplan for differential gear impact analysis)

*Scientific and Statistical Committee:*

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (a) Groundfish Issues
- (b) Initial review of Crab trailing Amendments, Crab Plan Team report (C-1(c & f)) on Council agenda
- (c) Charterboat GHL/IFQ program (C-10(a) on Council agenda)
- (d) EFH
- (e) DPSEIS
- (f) Observer Program
- (g) American Fisheries Act
- (h) IR/IU
- (i) SSL interaction measures (C-2(c) on Council Agenda)
- (j) Approve appointment to Groundfish Plan Team and North Pacific Research Board update on Research Priorities (D-2 b & e) on Council Agenda)

*Advisory Panel:* The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, with the exception of the Reports under Item #1 of the Council agenda.

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Dated: September 10, 2002.

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request—Procurement of Goods and Services

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed extension of approval for a period of three years from the date of approval of a collection of information associated with the procurement of goods and services. Forms used by the Commission for procurement of goods and services request persons who quote, propose, or bid on contracts to provide information needed to evaluate quotes, proposals, and bids in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting extension of approval of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary must receive comments not later than November 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be captioned "Procurement of Goods and Services; Paperwork Reduction Act," and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the proposed collection of information call or write Linda L. Glatz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; (301) 504-0416, Ext. 2226.