

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

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**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.

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**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.