

(CPDC-S&A 5.3) under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule of Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 102-3, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3 (CPDC-S&A 5.3) is in the public interest, in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law. The CPDC-S&A 5.3 will advise the Secretary, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, on CCSP Topic 5.3: "Decision Support Experiments and Evaluations using Seasonal to Interannual Forecasts and Observational Data". This advice will be provided in the form of a draft Synthesis and Assessment product intended to be used by NOAA to develop a final product in accordance with the *Guidelines for Producing the CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Products*, the OMB Peer Review Bulletin, and the Information Quality Act Guidelines. The CPDC-S&A 5.3 will consist of no more than 30 members to be appointed by the Under Secretary to assure a balanced representation among preeminent scientists, educators, and experts reflecting the full scope of the scientific issues addressed in CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3. The CPDC—S&A 5.3 will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter will be filed under the Act, fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Nancy Beller-Simms, Program Manager, NOAA/OAR/Climate Program Office, Sectoral Applications Research Program, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1210, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 301-427-2351, e-mail: [Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov](mailto:Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 091206C]

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3 and conclude no later than 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062; telephone: (504) 469-5000.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Rester, Habitat Support Specialist, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; telephone: (228) 875-5912.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Louisiana/Mississippi group is part of a three-unit Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP) of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The principal role of the advisory panels is to assist the Council in attempting to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico.

Advisory panels serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities which may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. The panels may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

At this meeting, the AP will tentatively discuss the Port of Iberia channel deepening project, the Morganza to the Gulf of Mexico hurricane protection project, the Donaldsonville to the Gulf of Mexico hurricane protection project, the proposed deepening of the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Plan, the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet deauthorization, the Coastal Impact Assessment Program, the status of the Port of Pascagoula Dredged Material Management Plan, the Mississippi

Coastal Improvements Plan, and the Council's Ecosystem Management Plan.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 13, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 090806C]

**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 Dutch Harbor, AK.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on October 2 through October 10, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Grand Aleutian Hotel, 498 Salmon Way, Dutch Harbor, AK 99692.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, continuing through October 10, 2006.

The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, October 2 and continue through Friday October 6, 2006. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday October 2 and continue through Wednesday, October 4, 2006. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Makushin Room. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Tuesday, October 3, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Makushin Room. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

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  
 a. Executive Director's Report  
 b. NMFS Management Report (Status of the Interagency Electronic Reporting System and Electronic Catcher Vessel Logbook)  
 c. U.S. Coast Guard Report  
 d. Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report

e. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report  
 f. Department of State Report  
 g. Protected Species Report  
 2. Steller Sea Lion Management: Review revised Steller Sea Lion (SSL) proposal ranking tool (SSC only); Progress report on Endangered Species Act consultation and review partial draft Biological Opinion; Report on Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee proposals received.

3. Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program: Report on Coast Guard legislation (Public Law 109-241).

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

5. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands allocation split for Pacific cod: Review discussion paper and direction as necessary.

6. Socioeconomic data collection: Review discussion paper, and take action as necessary.

7. Groundfish Management: Review Ecosystem Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation Report (SAFE); review draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed groundfish specifications for 2007/08; initial review Vessel Monitor System requirements; review outline for "other species" analysis (SSC only).

8. Prohibited species bycatch: Initial review of Vessel Incentive Program (VIP) repeal (T); update and direction on Salmon Bycatch (B package).

9. BSAI Crab Management: Review discussion paper on BSAI crab vessel use caps; review and approve BSAI Crab

SAFE; Review crab Center for Independent Experts (CIE) report/overfishing definitions update (SSC only).

10. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Review Bering Sea habitat conservation open area boundaries and crab data/plan; Initial/final action on EFH Aleutian Island open area adjustments.

11. Ecosystem Approaches: Update on Aleutian Island Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), action as necessary; Update on Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum.

12. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking and take action as necessary; Review Programmatic Groundfish Environmental Impact Statement (PGSEIS) Workplan.

13. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Protected Species Report
2. SSL Management
3. Socioeconomic data
4. Groundfish Management
5. PSC Bycatch
6. BSAI Crab management
7. EFH
8. Ecosystem Approaches
9. Review PGSIES Workplan.

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

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### 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.

Dated: September 13, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091206B]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee will hold a joint work session, which is open to the public, to review proposed salmon methodology changes.

**DATES:** The work session will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The work session will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the work session is to brief the STT and SSC on proposed changes to methods used to manage ocean salmon fisheries, review a genetic stock identification research proposal, and to review documentation of the Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STT and the SSC subcommittee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meetings. 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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