

*Matters to Be Considered:* The meeting will include, but not be limited to, the following topics: (1) Discussion of procedures for completion of the first draft of the Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3; (2) Discussion of plans for completion and submission of future drafts and procedures; (3) Discussion of a stakeholder workshop to be held in early January.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Nancy Beller-Simms, Designated Federal Official, CPDC—S&A 5.3 (NOAA Climate Program Office, 1315 East West Highway, Room 12221, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Phone: 301-734-1200, Fax: 301-713-0515, E-mail: [Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov](mailto:Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov)) or visit the Web site at <http://www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=../ccsp/53.jsp>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Mid-Atlantic 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 Trawl Survey Advisory Panel, composed of representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), and several independent scientific researchers, will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, December 12, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ 07094, telephone: (201) 348-6900.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to review the status of the new research vessel FSV Henry B. Bigelow and evaluate survey protocols for the new survey.

**Special Accommodations**

The 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 the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 111406H]

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a council workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a workshop on potential gear modification regulations as a part of the analysis for the Bering Sea Habitat Conservation analysis.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, in the Dillingham/Katmai Room, Anchorage, AK.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathy Coon, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the workshop will be to

discuss practical issues surrounding potential requirements for trawl sweeps in Bering Sea bottom trawl fisheries. Bottom trawl gear modifications are being considered as an alternative to reduce the impacts of fishing on benthic habitat in the Bering Sea. Research has indicated that adding discs or rollers to the sweep reduces bottom contact without substantially reducing catch rates of target species. Details of a gear requirement, such as disc size, composition, spacing, attachment, and enforcement have not yet been determined. While testimony before the Council and its committees will be the venue to address whether such regulations should be pursued, this workshop provides a venue to gather practical information, identify issues relative to enforcement and implementation of potential regulations, and identify workable solutions.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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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.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on December 4, 2006 through December 12, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W.