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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080503C]

#### New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Herring Oversight Committee in September, 2003. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 at 8 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI 02886.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will review progress to date on development of alternatives for analysis in Amendment 1 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). They will review Herring Advisory Panel recommendations regarding the range of alternatives for Amendment 1. They will also receive and discuss Council staff report on information related to the role of herring in the ecosystem and the importance of herring as a forage species. Also on the agenda will be developing Committee recommendations for Council consideration regarding the range of alternatives for analysis in the Amendment 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080603E]

#### North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Crab Plan Team will meet on September 22-24, 2003 Kodiak, AK.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on September 22, 2003, 1 - 5 p.m.; September 23, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and September 24, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Research Center, Near Island, Kodiak, AK 99615.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

Assemble the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation; Review the Crab Plan Team 'Terms of Reference'; Guideline Harvest Levels; Pribilof blue king crab rebuilding plan and overfishing definitions; Develop recommendations for Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries.

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before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Steller Sea Lion (SSL) Mitigation Committee will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on August 27, 2003, through August 29, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Traynor Seminar Room 2079, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Wilson, Council staff; telephone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee is scheduled to review proposals to amend Steller sea lion protection measures in the Gulf of