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Nation's Federal Marine Fisheries Managers to Host Fisheries Conference in March

Mark your calendar to save **March 24-26, 2005**, for the second national fisheries management conference, co-sponsored by the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils, the three Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions, and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). The conference will be held in Washington, D.C. and will be open to the public.

Managing Our Nation's Fisheries II – Focus on the Future, promises pertinent and informative discussions that will interest members of the public, fishery participants, environmental advocates, policymakers, and reporters on the fisheries beat. The conference will focus on key issues raised by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, and issues surrounding re-authorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which governs management of our nation's marine fisheries.

The conference will provide a forum for information exchange and for participants to examine a wide range of perspectives on potential legislation that would impact future fisheries management.

Primary focus will be on implementing an ecosystem-based approach for fisheries, strengthening scientific advice for fishery management decisions, addressing the various statutes governing our nation's fishery management process, and design of IFQ programs for fisheries.

The conference will provide an opportunity to meet with the nation's fisheries managers and others involved in living marine resource management.

Conference Logistics

When: March 24-26, 2005
Where: Omni-Shoreham Hotel and Conference Center,
2500 Calvert Street, Washington D.C.
Registration: Advance registration will be required.

Don't miss this opportunity! More information will be available soon on the conference web site:
www.managingfisheries.org