

shrimp trawls. The amendment includes a review of previous actions and their effects on bycatch as well as various alternatives.

The Shrimp SSC will review the draft amendment which includes various management alternatives for bycatch reduction, including the Council's "preferred alternatives." Measures being considered include: (1) Status Quo - no change to existing regulations; and (2) Require installation of Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs) in all trawls used in the penaeid shrimp fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), except test or try nets. They will also review area-specific usage of BRDs, including requiring BRDs: (1) inside the 100-fathom contour; (2) inside the 100-fathom contour and west of Cape San Blas, FL; (3) between the 10- and 100-fathom contours, and (4) between the 10- and 100-fathom contours and west of Cape San Blas, FL. Other alternatives that will be discussed include: bycatch reduction criteria; seasonal closures; a framework procedure for modifying bycatch reduction criteria, BRD certification, and testing requirements. The Shrimp SSC will also consider an RIR, which mainly reviews the economic ramifications of the proposed amendment; an SIA; and any environmental consequences. Also considered will be the effects of other Federal laws and regulations.

On October 30, beginning at 8:00 a.m. the Reef Fish SSC will review Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP) and Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) reports regarding a new stock assessment for vermilion snapper, an update of the 1995 stock assessment for red snapper, and discussions regarding biological information and landings data for amberjack species. The SSC will review any recommendations of the RFSAP and SEP regarding allowable biological catch (ABC) ranges for these species, and they may develop recommendations of ABC or total allowable catch (TAC) for submission to the Council. The SSC may also recommend future data gathering and research needs.

Under the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan's framework procedure for setting TAC, when an ABC range has been specified, the Council may implement through a regulatory amendment a TAC, which is then allocated between the recreational and commercial sectors, and quotas, bag limits, size limits, and other measures needed to attain TAC. If an ABC range and TAC are not specified, the Council must use the more lengthy process of a full plan amendment to implement any changes to management measures.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by October 21, 1996.

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on October 20-25, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA 94080; telephone: (415) 873-3550.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 21, at 1:00 p.m., a workshop on the salmon plan amendment scoping process will begin. Members of the Council, advisory groups, and the public are encouraged to participate in an informal process to discuss potential amendments to the salmon fishery management plan. The entire group will meet in a plenary session at 1:00 p.m. on October 21, to discuss the process and then two discussion groups will convene for the rest of the day.

The Council meeting will begin on October 22, at 8:00 a.m. in a closed session (not open to the public) to discuss litigation. The open session begins at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting reconvenes at 8:00 a.m. on October 23,

and will adjourn when Council business has been completed.

The following items are on the Council agenda:

A. Call to Order

B. Habitat Issues

1. Report of the Habitat Steering Group.

C. Groundfish Management

1. Final Harvest Levels and Other Specifications for 1997;
2. California Gillnet Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone;
3. Status of Federal Regulations Implementing Council Actions;
4. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments;
5. Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Harvest Regime for 1997;
6. Trip Limits, Bag Limits and Other Measures for 1997;
7. Pacific Whiting Allocation, Season Framework and Salmon Bycatch;
8. Experimental Fishing Permits for Shore-based Whiting Fishery Data Collection;
9. Restrictions on Limited Entry Permit Transfers;
10. Landing and Disposition of Fish Exceeding Trip Limits;
11. GMT Report on Scoping Process;
12. Review of New Stock Assessment Process; and
13. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee to Address At-Sea Processing of Fish Other Than Whiting.

D. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Summary of 1996 Fisheries;
2. Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and Sport Regulations for 1997; and
3. Report of the IPHC on Bycatch Compensation and Stock Assessment.

E. Salmon Management

1. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries;
2. Final report on 1996 Methodology Reviews;
3. Annual State Agency and Tribal Reports on Activities to Restore Natural Stocks;
4. Endangered Species Act Standards for 1997 Fisheries;
5. Plan Amendments; Management Objectives for Listed Species
Salmon Bycatch in Whiting Fisheries Update of Framework Plan
6. Status of Revisions to Oregon Coastal Natural (Coho) Escapement Goal; and
7. Scoping for Future Plan Amendments.

F. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of Council/NMFS Working Group Meeting;

2. Budget Committee Report - ACTION;
3. Status of Legislation;
4. Appointments to Scientific and Statistical Committee, Advisory Panel - ACTION;
5. Response to Council Research Needs;
6. Work Load Priorities for 1997; and
7. Draft Agenda for March 1997 - ACTION.

Other meetings:

The Groundfish Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet on October 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The Groundfish Management Team will convene on October 21, at 8 a.m., to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on October 21, at 8:00 a.m. and October 22, at 8:00 a.m., to address scientific issues related to Council agenda items.

The Habitat Steering Group will convene on October 21, at 10:00 a.m.

The salmon plan amendment discussion groups will convene on October 21, to discuss potential amendments to the salmon fishery management plan.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will convene on October 22, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue to meet on October 23, and if necessary, on October 24.

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will convene on October 22, at 8:00 a.m., if necessary.

The Salmon Technical Team will convene on October 22, at 8:00 a.m., if necessary.

The California Department of Fish and Game will conduct an evening presentation on the recreational salmon hook and release mortality study conducted near San Francisco in 1996 on October 22, at 7:00 p.m.

The Budget Committee will convene on October 24 for a lunch meeting, (time to be determined).

The Enforcement Consultants meet on October 22, at 7:00 p.m., to address enforcement issues related to Council agenda items.

Detailed agendas for the above advisory meetings will be available after September 27, 1996.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 30, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee Salmon Subcommittee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will begin on October 15, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on October 16, and will adjourn when business has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sea-Tac Airport, Olympic III Room, 18740 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 96188; telephone: (206) 246-8600.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Seger, Economic Analysis Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting is to review methodologies used by the Council to manage salmon.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 30, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requests.

SUMMARY: The Director, Information Resources Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507(j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by October 7, 1996. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 7, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Wendy Taylor, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651. Written comments regarding the regular clearance and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the Internet address #FIRB@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its