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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713-3090, ext. 126.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419. Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: December 20, 1996.

Dr. David L. Evans,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC), will meet on January 6, 1997, in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 6, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Leif Erickson Lodge Hall, 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: 907-271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arni Thomson, Alaska Crab Coalition; telephone: 206-547-7560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PNCIAC's agenda includes the following:

1. Alaska Department of Fish and Game proposal for a cost recovery funded observer program.
2. Emergency petition for revised pot limits in the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery.
3. Proposal to reduce the minimum size limit of Bristol Bay red king crab to 6 inches.
4. Other related crab management issues.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Arni Thomson, Alaska Crab Coalition, 206-547-7560, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 9, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will run until business for the day is concluded. The meeting will reconvene on January 10, 1997, at 8:00 a.m. and will run until business for the day is concluded.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Downtown Portland, 1401 SW Lincoln, Portland, OR 97201, in the Multnomah Falls Room.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to develop options for long term management of the

limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 1 to scientific research permit 991 (P599) and issuance of an amendment of enhancement permit 747 (P45H).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the California Department of Water Resources in Sacramento, CA (CDWR) has applied in due form for modification 1 to scientific research permit 991 and that an amendment of enhancement permit 747 was issued to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Sacramento, CA (FWS) authorizing takes of an endangered species.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the modification application must be received on or before January 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310-980-4016).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CDWR requests modification 1 to permit 991, and the amendment of permit 747 was issued, under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

For modification 1 to permit 991, CDWR (P599) requests an additional annual take of juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a new scientific research study. CDWR proposes a fisheries study of the Yolo Bypass, a floodplain adjacent to the Sacramento River where large numbers of salmon are trapped when high flows recede. The objectives of the study include estimation of the number of juvenile salmon diverted to, and successfully emigrating from, the Bypass; identification of habitats in the Bypass used for salmon rearing; estimation of the number of salmon trapped in the Yolo Bypass after floodwaters recede; and measurement of salmon growth and feeding in the Bypass versus the Sacramento River. Study results will be used to provide recommendations for ecosystem restoration options, to identify actions to minimize adverse effects to juvenile salmon, and to make habitat restoration efforts as harmless to fish as possible. ESA-listed fish will be captured in the Yolo Bypass, handled, and released in the mainstem Sacramento River. A percentage of associated indirect mortalities is also requested. Modification 1 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 991 expires on June 30, 1999.

On November 27, 1996, NMFS amended FWS's enhancement permit 747 (P45H) extending the expiration date of the permit. Permit 747 was issued to FWS on August 8, 1991 and was due to expire on November 30, 1996. Permit 747 authorizes annual takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with an artificial propagation program at FWS's Coleman National Fish Hatchery and a captive broodstock program. In October, 1996, FWS applied for a new permit (P45W) to replace permit 747 (61 FR 53899, October 16, 1996). However, due to the time required to process the new permit request, permit 747 would have expired before the new permit could be issued. To avoid a lapse in FWS's endangered species take authorization, permit 747 was amended to expire on January 31, 1997.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the permit modification request should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are

those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: December 23, 1996.
 Barbara Schroeder,
*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
 Office of Protected Resources, National
 Marine Fisheries Service.*
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Proposed Amendments to the Price Limit and Trading Halt Provisions in Domestic Stock Index Futures Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to the price limit and trading halt provisions in domestic stock index futures contracts listed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Kansas City Board of Trade, and New York Futures Exchange.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), Kansas City Board of Trade (KCBT), and New York Futures Exchange (NYFE) have submitted proposals to modify existing "circuit breaker" and related price limit provisions in those exchanges' domestic stock index futures contracts. The Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to circuit breaker and price limit provisions in domestic stock index futures contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Steve Sherrod of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW,

Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-418-5277. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: ssherrod@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CME, KCBT, and NYFE have proposed changes to each of the opening, intermediate, and overall daily price limits, including the circuit breaker trigger levels, for their domestic stock index futures contracts.¹ The submissions were made in response to a proposal from the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) to raise the levels of its "circuit breaker" trading halt triggers. Specifically, the NYSE proposes to increase the trigger for a one-half hour trading halt to 350 points in the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA)² from 250 DJIA points and to increase the trigger for a one hour trading halt to 550 points in the DJIA from 400 DJIA points. That proposal is currently under review by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Notice of that proposal was given in the Federal Register on December 19, 1996 (61 FR 67087).

The proposed amendments to the S&P 500 futures contract (the most actively traded domestic stock index futures contract) are shown in Table 1 below. The proposed amendments to other domestic stock index futures contracts generally are comparable to those in the S&P 500 futures contract.

TABLE 1.—CURRENT AND PROPOSED CME S&P 500 PRICE LIMIT SCHEDULE

Price limit	Current level	Proposed level
Opening	+/- 5	+/- 7
Initial Decline	- 12	- 15
Second Decline	- 20	- 30
First Circuit Breaker ..	- 30	- 45
Second Circuit Breaker	- 50	- 70
Daily Price Limit	+/- 70	- 90
Globex After Hours Session	+/- 12	+/- 15

For comparison purposes, Tables 2 and 3 below show the current and proposed price limit provisions in the S&P 500 futures contract and the approximate DJIA equivalents for those limits that correspond to the levels that

¹ The affected CME contracts are the CME Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index (S&P 500), the S&P MidCap 400 Stock Price Index, the S&P 500/BARRA Growth Index, the S&P 500/BARRA Value Index, the Russell 2000 Stock Price Index, the Major Market Index, and the Nasdaq 100 Index. The affected KCBT contracts are the Value Line Index and the Mini Value Line Index. The affected NYFE contracts are the NYSE Composite Index and the PSE Technology Index.

² "Dow Jones Industrial Average" is a service mark of the Dow Jones Corporation.