

biotechnology holds great promise for improving the quality of the scientific information needed to manage living marine resources. MEHRL researchers will develop indicators to monitor the health of marine life. They will also explore impacts of environmental factors on reproduction, survival, and diseases of marine organisms. Research at MEHRL will greatly expand the information base required to manage fisheries. This new facility will emphasize the application of modern technology to manage coastal resources wisely and to rebuild sustainable fisheries and healthy coasts. This vision for MEHRL will be an important asset to address environmental issues and will play an integral role in accomplishing NOAA Fisheries strategic goals.

Research at MEHRL will include both environmental chemistry and environmental biology. These research areas will provide capabilities that can be utilized for multi-disciplinary research. The core research capabilities necessary to provide the proper support for multi-disciplinary environmental research include: A Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility, cryogenic facilities, analytical clean laboratories, P2 biohazard laboratories, environmental controlled challenge laboratories, bioassay culture laboratories, incubator laboratories, culture laboratories, clean wet laboratories, etc. The nucleus of the facility will be state-of-the-art laboratories for environmental challenge research utilizing a range of seawater and temperature controls. The capacity to adequately handle hazardous materials with proper disposal and prevention of cross-contamination is a high priority. Equally important are the high-technology analytical laboratories with the capability to maintain the integrity and validity of the samples and to analyze samples safely with proper environmental protection for researchers working with hazardous materials.

MEHRL will be a unique contribution to the marine sciences in that it will provide not only a center of scientific and state-of-the-art equipment serving the Nation, as well as the East and Gulf Coasts, but represents a true breakthrough in institutional cooperation (federal, state, and academic) aimed at removing traditional jurisdictional barriers and improving overall research and development effectiveness.

A Web page has been established to inform the local community of the background information surrounding the MEHRL and to provide up-to-date information on the planning, design, and the building phases of the project.

The Web page may be reached at the following address: <http://www.cofc.edu/grice/mehrl>

#### Project Description

The State of South Carolina has provided a lease of land up to 14 acres for the MEHRL (Phase I) and support facilities (Phase II). The MEHRL will be built on approximately eight acres within the Fort Johnson campus of the SCDNR in Charleston, SC. The NMFS Charleston Laboratory and satellite NIST facility is currently located on this campus in leased facilities. The UC and the MU.S.C. also have existing facilities on this campus.

The proposed MEHRL complex will be approximately 69,000 gross square ft and will accommodate approximately 90 scientists/staff. The goal for MEHRL is to be a multi-use facility with complimentary institutional partnership functions and activities. Thus, MEHRL will be staffed with researchers from the partner institutions. MEHRL should attract visiting scientists, students, post-doctoral researchers, and require minimal new staff positions. MEHRL will provide approximately 34,000 net square ft for environmental biology and chemistry research.

Phase II of the project consists of dormitory, dining facility, and visiting scientist housing. The dormitory will be approximately 8,250 square ft and the dining facility will be approximately 1,750 square ft. The dormitory will be adjacent to the dining hall since the residents will be the primary users of the facilities. The dormitory will be a quad of five to eight person living suites of 1,050 square ft. The dining facility will include a dining hall for informal dining for 10 to 15 people. There will be a residential style kitchen for the residents to prepare their own meals. The visiting scientist housing will be a high quality living arrangement to be used by researchers and their families for an extended period of time. The housing will be five 1,250 square ft townhouses. The unit will be self-contained and independent of other facilities. The townhouses will be located away from the dormitory, but will have a direct relation to each other in a campus atmosphere. Phase II is contingent upon funding and may not be developed immediately.

NOAA and SCDNR invite interested agencies, organizations, and the general public to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed, alternatives to be analyzed, and the environmental impacts to be addressed in the EIS. The public also is invited to attend a scoping meeting in which oral comments and

suggestions will be received (see DATES). Oral and written comments will be considered equally in preparation of the EIS. Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the Draft EIS should write to Donna Howard (see ADDRESSES). When the Draft EIS is complete, its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register** and in the local news media, a public hearing will be held, and comments will be solicited.

#### Public Scoping Meeting

The public scoping meeting will be chaired by a NOAA representative but will not be conducted as an evidentiary hearing; speakers will not be cross-examined, although the chair and other NOAA and SCDNR representatives present may ask clarifying questions. To ensure that everyone has an adequate opportunity to speak, 5 minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Depending on the number of persons requesting to speak, the chair may allow more time for elected officials, or speakers representing multiple parties, or organizations. Persons wishing to speak on behalf of organizations should identify the organization. Persons wishing to speak may either notify Donna Howard in writing (see ADDRESSES) or register at the meeting. As time permits, individuals who have spoken subject to the 5-minute rule will be afforded additional speaking time. Written comments also will be accepted at the meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Donna Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 17, 1997.

**Bruce Morehead,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 meeting agenda revision.

**SUMMARY:** The agenda for the meetings of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), which are scheduled for June 23–25, 1997, in Seattle, WA, was published on June 11, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for revision to the meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Red Lion Hotel-Seattle Airport, (Now known as Doubletree) 18740 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98188; telephone: (206) 246–8600.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Coon, Salmon Fishery Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326–6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The initial agenda was published on June 11, 1997 (62 FR 31792). The following revisions are to be made:

The Council has approved an emergency change to the salmon agenda of its June meeting. The salmon agenda is scheduled to occur on the afternoon of June 23, 1997, at the Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport (now known as Doubletree), see **ADDRESSES**.

Current Agenda Item C.1., Statement of the Council Chair Concerning the 1997 Salmon Management Process, will be modified as follows:

C. Salmon Management

1. Review and Consideration of Estimation Issues Affecting the Season Structure and Resulting Allocation of the 1997 Commercial Salmon Fisheries off California and Oregon

a. Statement of Chair concerning 1997 Preseason Process

b. Summary of Estimation and Season Structure Issues Raised by Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

c. Comments of the Salmon Advisory Subpanel, Salmon Technical Team, and Scientific and Statistical Committee

d. Public Comments

e. Council - ACTION (if necessary to correct season structure)

This emergency change to the Council agenda responds to concerns raised by California commercial fishery representatives with regard to the estimation and subsequent allocation of Klamath and Snake River fall chinook harvest impacts in the 1997 commercial fishery. The change in Agenda item C.1., from a discussion to an action item, allows the potential for modifying the commercial salmon fisheries off Oregon and California by emergency rule, if deemed necessary as a result of the Council's review in this matter. The potential changes in the commercial season proposed by the California representatives include reductions in closures south of Point San Pedro, along with possible minimum size limit increases, and offsetting closures in the commercial fisheries off Oregon, most likely in the area south of Cape Arago.

All other information previously published remains unchanged.

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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: June 18, 1997.

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

June 17, 1997.

The Corporation for National and Community Service has submitted the following public information collection

requests (IRS) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Margaret McLaughlin, Director of Recruitment, Office of AmeriCorps Recruitment (202) 606–5000, ext. 269. Individual(s) who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 565–2799 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn.: Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

a. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

b. Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

c. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.