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#### Classification

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866. Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) or any other law for this notice concerning grants,

cooperative agreements, benefits, and contracts. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA).

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to, a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number. This notice contains a collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The collection-of-information has been approved by OMB, OMB Control Numbers 0348-0041, 0348-0042, 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

**Captain Ted I. Lillestolen,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102599A]

#### 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) Ad-Hoc Groundfish Strategic Plan Development Committee (Committee) will hold six 2-day work sessions which are open to the public.

**DATES:** The six 2-day work sessions will be held over a 6-month period. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times for the work sessions. All work sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first day, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the second day.

**ADDRESSES:** The six 2-day work sessions will be held at the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Large Conference Room, 45 SE 82nd Drive, Suite 100, Gladstone, Oregon; telephone (503) 650-5400.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of these work sessions is to prepare a West Coast groundfish strategic plan for Council review and approval. The six-2 day workshops will be held on the following dates:

1. Tuesday, November 16, 1999 and Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

2. Tuesday, December 14, 1999 and Wednesday, December 15, 1999.

3. Tuesday, January 18, 2000 and Wednesday, January 19, 2000.

4. Tuesday, February 15, 2000 and Wednesday, February 16, 2000.

5. Tuesday, April 18, 2000 and Wednesday, April 19, 2000.

6. Monday, May 22, 2000 and Tuesday, May 23, 2000.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council 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 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 work sessions are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102999A]

#### Western 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 Council's Recreational Fisheries Data Task Force (RFDTF) will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held November 16, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This will be the second meeting of the RFDTF which will discuss the following topics: review of recommendations from the first task force meetings and progress to date, U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements for small-scale commercial fishing vessels, support for recreational fishing in Hawaii, economic impact of recreational fishing in the Western Pacific Region, impacts of current and proposed fishery management plans on recreational fisheries in Hawaii, and other business as required.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 990921259-9259-01]

#### National Weather Service (NWS) Modernization and Associated Restructuring

**AGENCY:** NWS, NOAA, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Deferral of public comment period and clarification regarding NWS proposed actions for the Erie, Pennsylvania, Weather Service Office (WSO).

**SUMMARY:** The NWS published in 64 FR 52491, Sept. 29, 1999, a notice and opportunity for public comment on proposed certifications for the consolidation, automation, and closure of WSO Erie, Pennsylvania, and WSO Fairbanks, Alaska. This notice defers the public comment period on proposed certifications of WSO Erie and provides updated and clarifying information regarding NWS proposed actions for WSO Erie.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Beaver at 301-713-0300 extension 136.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NWS published in 64 FR 52491, Sept. 29, 1999, a notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed certifications for the consolidation, automation, and closure of WSO Erie, Pennsylvania, and WSO Fairbanks, Alaska. With respect to WSO Erie certifications, the notice informed the public that the NWS determined removal of the WSR-74C radar would cause a degradation of service for some lake-effect snow events in the Erie, Pennsylvania, service area. It further informed the public that to address this degradation, the NWS would continue operating the WSR-74C radar at Erie during the winter season until a new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) radar is installed at the Erie airport and suitability of weather data from the FAA radar is validated by the NWS in consultation with users.

Since the publication of the September 29, 1999, FR notice, certain information in the notice has changed. In addition, the NWS believes its planned course of action for WSO Erie requires clarification. First, the NWS has been advised that installation of the new FAA radar at Erie will begin in May 2002, not 2001 as indicated in the September 29, 1999, FR notice. Second, regarding the NWS planned course of action, the NWS stresses it will not seek the Modernization Transition Committee's endorsement of the Erie

consolidation, automation, and closure certifications nor will it seek the Secretary's final approval of these certifications until actions to address the identified degradation have been fully and successfully implemented and user groups have been appropriately consulted. Therefore, NWS believes seeking comments from the public at this time is premature since the NWS plan for use of data from the new FAA radar is several years from completion. Accordingly, NWS is deferring the public comment period on its proposed certifications for WSO Erie until actions to address the identified degradation have been fully and successfully implemented and user groups have been appropriately consulted. The NWS will provide advance notice in the FR of the public comment period at that time.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

**John J. Kelly, Jr.,**

*Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071599E]

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

**ACTION:** Applications for EFPs; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of applications for EFPs. If issued, these EFPs would authorize the retention of Atlantic tunas (other than bluefin tuna) by vessels participating in the coastal driftnet fishery for Atlantic bonito. NMFS anticipates the receipt of several more EFP applications for this same purpose. If EFPs are issued for the coastal driftnet fishery, NMFS would collect information on target catch and bycatch and assess the potential impacts of authorizing driftnet gear for certain Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) fisheries. While this information is being collected, issuance of EFPs will reduce regulatory discards of Atlantic tunas.

**DATES:** Written comments on NMFS' consideration to issue such EFPs must be received on or before December 6, 1999.