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### Special Accommodations

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**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

**Dated:** September 12, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, in Anchorage AK.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on October 1, 2007 through October 9, 2007. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

**Council address:** North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3 continuing through Tuesday October 9, 2007. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, October 1 and continue through Saturday October 6. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at

8 a.m. on Monday, October 1 and continue through Wednesday October 3, 2007. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, October 2, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Iliamna Room. The Crab Advisory Committee will meet 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the King Salmon Room. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

**Council Plenary Session:** The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

#### 1. Reports

Executive Director's Report (including Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Act)

NMFS Management Report

U.S. Coast Guard Report

Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report

Protected Species Report (Steller Sea Lion (SSL) Measures Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): Notice of Intent, Draft Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) List of Fisheries for 2008, SSL Recovery Plan and Biological Opinion Update, act as necessary)

#### 2. Charter Halibut Management:

Initial review of Charter Halibut 3A Guideline Harvest Levels (GHL) measures; Preliminary review of Charter Halibut Allocation/Compensation; SSC review of charter halibut discard mortality information (T)(SSC only); SSC review of estimation procedures for charter halibut, Dusky Shelf rockfish, and shark catch (SSC only).

**3. Halibut Subsistence:** Discuss Alternatives for Halibut Subsistence Rural definition.

**4. Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab Fishery Management:** Report on Crab data collection quality and confidentiality; Committee report-discussion paper on BSAI Crab 'B' Shares; Initial review BSAI Crab 'C' share 90/10 exemption; Initial review BSAI Crab custom processing (T); Initial review BSAI Crab post-delivery transfers (T).

**5. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Issues:** Preliminary review GOA Pacific cod sector split; Discussion paper on GOA fixed gear License Limitation Program (LLP) recency; action as necessary; Discussion paper on GOA sideboards; action as necessary; Initial review Central GOA rockfish post-delivery transfers (T).

**6. LLP Trawl Recency:** Initial review of analysis.

**7. Amendment 80:** Review discussion paper on Amendment 80 post-delivery transfers (T).

**8. Socioeconomic Data Collection:** Report on Comprehensive socioeconomic data collection.

**9. Groundfish Management:** Final action on GOA arrowtooth Maximum Retainable Amount (MRA), Regulatory Amendment; Initial review Western GOA pollock trip limit, Plan Amendment; Report on specifications per Amendment 80 and 85; action as necessary; Review new stock assessment information (SSC only); Initial action on Groundfish specification; Discussion paper on seabird avoidance measures for Area 4E; action as necessary; Review tasking plans for managing Other Species complex and discussion paper on analytical approach.

**10. Salmon Management:** Salmon Bycatch Workgroup report; Refine alternatives; Report on Salmon excluder Experimental Fishery Permit.

**11. Crab Management:** Crab Plan Team Report; Approve BSAI crab Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation Report; Initial review BSI crab overfishing definition.

**12. Arctic Fishery Management:** Ecosystem Committee report and action as necessary; Review and approve outreach plan.

**13. Staff Tasking:** Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary; Review broader (Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement) community outreach plan (T).

#### 14. Other Business.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Halibut Charter
2. BSAI Crab Management
3. GOA Groundfish
4. Socioeconomic data
5. LLP Trawl Recency
6. Groundfish Management
7. Salmon Bycatch
8. Crab Overfishing

The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, except for reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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**

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**Emily Menashes,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Trawl Individual Quota Committee (TIQC) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The TIQC meeting will be held Thursday, October 11, 2007, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The TIQC meeting will reconvene Friday, October 12, 2007, at 8 a.m. and adjourn by 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The TIQC meeting will be held at the Hotel Deca Seattle, Chancellor Room, 4507 Brooklyn Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105; telephone: (206) 634-2000.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jim Seger, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council is considering an individual quota program to cover limited entry trawl landings in the West Coast groundfish fishery. Vessel co-op alternatives are also being considered. The purpose of the TIQC working meeting is to review and further develop alternatives under analysis.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the TIQC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of

formal TIQC action during this meeting. TIQC 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 TIQC'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT meeting will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2007, from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene Wednesday, October 10 through Friday, October 12, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The GMT meeting will be held at the Hotel Deca Seattle, President Room, 4507 Brooklyn Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105; telephone: (206) 634-2000.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GMT working

meeting is to develop a range of 2009-10 optimum yields for groundfish species from new stock assessments and rebuilding analyses, consider recommendations for 2009-10 management measures, consider recommendations for inseason adjustments to 2007 and 2008 groundfish fisheries, consider recommendations for 2008 exempted fishing permits, consider recommendations and implications for implementing mandates in the re-authorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, consider recommendations for intersector allocations of groundfish species, and consider recommendations for developing a trawl rationalization program. The GMT may also address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. The GMT's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by the Council at its November meeting in San Diego, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and