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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a South Atlantic Deepwater Coral Teacher's Workshop.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, in partnership with NOAA Undersea Research Center, NOAA Fisheries, and Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution is conducting a Deepwater Coral Teacher Workshop in Ft. Pierce, FL.

DATES: The workshop will take place April 19, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, 5600 U.S. 1, North, Ft. Pierce, FL; telephone: (772) 465-2400.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Deepwater Coral Teacher's Workshop will take place from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on April 19, 2008.

The Workshop is designed for teachers and educators targeting high-school grade students to better increase their student's knowledge and awareness of these important marine ecosystems. The Workshop will include presentations on deepwater coral reefs found off of Florida, an overview of the Oculina Habitat Area of Particular Concern, deepwater coral research, mapping and monitoring, and management. The Workshop also includes a guided tour of the Smithsonian Marine Station in Ft.

Pierce, FL. Registration for the Workshop is limited.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XG79

North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Non-Target Species Committee will meet April 23, 2008 at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, National Marine Mammal Conference Room.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 23, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg 4, Seattle, WA. It will also be held by teleconference at the National Marine Fisheries Service, 709 W 9th, Juneau, AK (8 a.m. AST).

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Non-Target Species Committee will consider possible priorities for breaking out different groups from the "other species" complexes in the BSAI and GOA groundfish fishery management plans. The need to set these priorities is to take quicker action for more vulnerable groups. The committee and have expressed concern that analyzing a broader set of alternatives (which

addresses sharks, squids, sculpins, and octopuses in the GOA; sharks, skates, sculpins, and octopuses in the BSAI; and possibly grenadiers in the GOA and BSAI) in one analysis may result in an unmanageable decision making document. Management of these species groups (plus additional multiple sub-area, sub-allocation, and seasonal apportionments) poses numerous management and regulatory difficulties and may result in unintended consequences on fishing fleets. The proposed priorities for action include: (1) move BSAI and/or GOA squid into the forage fish category; (2) move BSAI and/or GOA octopus into the forage fish category or remove it from the FMPs and defer management to the State of Alaska; (3) delete an alternative to add grenadiers to the TAC specification process; and (4) separate the proposed alternatives into distinct BSAI and GOA amendment packages. The Committee will develop recommendations on these priority actions.

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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Crab Committee will meet.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 29, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Swedish Culture Center, 1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Fina, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will have discussions on the following items: purpose and need statement; potential elements and options; crew proposal and alternatives to those proposals; data issues; community protections; possible emergency relief from regionalization; arbitration issues.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability for Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Activities To Implement 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Actions at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section (102)(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the Department of the Navy (DON) NEPA regulation (32 CFR part 775), DON announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for potential environmental impacts associated with implementing actions directed by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510, as amended in 2005 (BRAC Law), at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda, MD.

DATES: The Wait Period (No Action Period) for the FEIS will end 30 days after publication of an NOA in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Officer in Charge—BRAC, National Naval Medical Center, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889 and Telephone: 301-319-4561.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Officer in Charge—BRAC, National Naval Medical Center, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889 and Telephone: 301-319-4561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the BRAC law, the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) will realign all tertiary and complex health care services to the NNMC campus in Bethesda. The transfer and integration of these services with existing functions at NNMC will result by law in creation of a new premier military health care center to be named the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) at Bethesda, MD, and is to be accomplished by 15 September 2011.

The BRAC-directed realignment will bring additional patients and visitors requiring additional staff and facilities to be provided at NNMC. The FEIS provides information on the proposed new construction and facility alterations, current estimates of the additional staff that will be needed, and an assessment of the potential

environmental impacts associated with implementation of these realignment actions at NNMC in Bethesda, MD.

The FEIS addresses three alternatives: Two alternatives that implement the BRAC-directed actions and a No Action Alternative. Both BRAC implementation alternatives provide the same facilities with some facility site changes and differences between new construction and renovation to obtain required facilities. The environmental impacts between the two BRAC alternatives are similar.

The Navy's Preferred Alternative would add approximately 1,144,000 square feet (SF) of new building construction, provide approximately 508,000 SF of renovation to existing building space at NNMC, and provide approximately 824,000 SF of new parking facilities. It would accommodate approximately 2,500 additional staff and an estimated 1,862 patients and visitors each weekday.

The new construction or improvements to existing facilities would provide medical care and administration additions and alterations, a National Intrepid Center of Excellence for traumatic brain injury and psychological health care, permanent and temporary lodging facilities (Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and Fisher Houses™), a new physical fitness center, additional parking, and road and utility improvements on the installation as needed to support the new facilities.

The FEIS finds that the Preferred Alternative would have minimal impacts to soil, water, or biological resources because the new facilities would be constructed on either existing development such as parking lots or on landscaped areas with only a small increase in impervious surfaces. No effects to rare, threatened, and endangered species would be expected under the Preferred Alternative.

Emissions of air pollutants from construction and operations of the Preferred Alternative would not exceed *de minimis* levels or ambient standards established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for protection of the airshed and thus air quality impacts would not be significant. A short-term increase in noise levels would occur during construction that is typical of construction activities. Utility expansions would be required, but major issues are not anticipated.

The Navy is pursuing formal Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act to resolve all adverse effects to historic properties.

The Preferred Alternative will add traffic to an area already experiencing