

Committee on progress to date on the development of an amendment to implement an SBRM process across all NEFMC fishery management plans (FMPs). There will be an open public comment period to address items not listed on the agenda prior to a lunch break. During the afternoon session the Council will review and approve a range of essential fish habitat designation alternatives for inclusion in its EFH Omnibus Amendment. This will be followed by Council approval of a scoping document for a Northeast Multispecies FMP amendment to consider limited access, hard Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and dedicated access privileges in the small mesh multispecies fisheries for whiting, red hake and offshore hake.

#### **Wednesday, April 5, 2006**

During the morning session of the meeting, the Council will review preliminary analyses for a groundfish total allowable catch management program that was discussed at its January meeting in Portland, ME. The Council will then review scoping comments and approve goals and objectives for Amendment 11 to the Sea Scallop FMP. It also will provide guidance to the Scallop Committee on the development of alternatives. The alternatives may include resource allocation options involving the limited access and general category scallop fisheries and potential qualification criteria for a limited entry program for general category vessels. The Council will initiate action on Framework Adjustment 4 to the Monkfish FMP and provide guidance on the development of management alternatives. Finally, the Research Steering Committee will report on its discussions concerning 2006 research priorities and recommendations on several cooperative research final reports. The committee also will provide additional comments and recommendations on the process to review final reports.

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Dated: March 14, 2006.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 031306D]

#### **National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Fishery Management Council; April 2-7, 2006 Council Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory entities will meet April 2-7, 2006. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, April 3, at 3 p.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday, April 3 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95819; telephone: 916-929-8855.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: 503-820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Call to Order
1. Opening Remarks and Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda
- B. Administrative Matters
1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
2. Future Council Meeting Agenda Planning

3. Status Report on Draft Regional Operating Agreements for Regulatory Streamlining

4. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forum, Including any Necessary Changes to Council Operating Procedures

5. Council Three-Meeting Outlook, Draft June 2006 Council Meeting Agenda, and Workload Priorities

C. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues

D. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Incidental Catch Regulations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries

E. Salmon Management

1. Identification of Stocks Not Meeting Conservation Objectives

2. Tentative Adoption of 2006 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

3. Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection for 2006

4. Role of the Klamath Fisheries Management Council

5. Clarify Council Direction for 2006 Ocean Salmon Management Measures (if Needed)

7. Final Action on 2006 Ocean Salmon Management Measures

8. Clarify Final Action on 2006 Ocean Salmon Management Measures (if Needed)

F. Groundfish Management

1. Management Specifications for 2007-2008 Groundfish Fisheries

2. NMFS Report

3. Stock Assessment Planning for the 2009-2010 Fishing Season

4. Status of 2006 Groundfish Fisheries and Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

5. Part I of Management Measures for 2007-2008 Groundfish Fisheries

6. Part II of Management Measures for 2007-2008 Groundfish Fisheries

7. Final Consideration of 2006 Inseason Adjustments

G. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. Bigeye Tuna Overfishing Response

2. Albacore Management Measures

3. NMFS Report

H. Enforcement Issues

1. U.S. Coast Guard Report on Implementation of the Automatic Identification and Vessel Monitoring Systems

I. Marine Protected Areas (MPA)

1. Fishery Regulation in MPAs within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary through Magnuson-Stevens Act and State Management Authority

2. Final Council Recommendation on Consultation Procedures for Fishing Regulations in National Marine Sanctuaries

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

*SUNDAY, April 2, 2006*

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 1 p.m.  
Groundfish Management Team 1 p.m.  
Klamath Fishery Management Council  
3 p.m.

Special Joint Session: Briefing on  
Groundfish

Specifications and Rebuilding  
Revisions 6:30 p.m.

*MONDAY, April 3, 2006*

Council Secretariat 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.  
Klamath Fishery Management Council  
8 a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.  
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8  
a.m.

Habitat Committee 10 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants 5:30 p.m.  
Tribal Policy Group As necessary  
Tribal and Washington Technical  
Group As necessary

Washington State Delegation As  
necessary

*TUESDAY, April 4, 2006*

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.  
California State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.  
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.  
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8  
a.m.

Chair's Reception 6 p.m.  
Enforcement Consultants As  
necessary

Klamath Fishery Management Council  
As necessary

Tribal Policy Group As necessary  
Tribal and Washington Technical  
Group As necessary

Washington State Delegation As  
necessary

*WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2006*

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.  
California State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.  
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants As  
necessary

Klamath Fishery Management Council  
As necessary

Tribal Policy Group As necessary  
Tribal and Washington Technical  
Group As necessary

Washington State Delegation As  
necessary

*THURSDAY, April 6, 2006*

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.  
California State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants As  
necessary

Tribal Policy Group As necessary  
Tribal and Washington Technical  
Group As necessary

Washington State Delegation As  
necessary

*FRIDAY, April 7, 2006*

Council Secretariat 7 a.m.  
California State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants As  
necessary

Salmon Advisory Subpanel As  
necessary

Salmon Technical Team As necessary  
Tribal Policy Group As necessary  
Tribal and Washington Technical  
Group As necessary

Washington State Delegation As  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 030906F]

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for renewal and modification of scientific

research/enhancement permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application to renew and modify a permit from Trinity River Restoration Program, Weaverville, Arcata, CA (Permit (1072)). This permit would affect Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. daylight savings time on April 17, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this renewal and modification request should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment: For Permit 1072: Steve Liebhardt, Protected Species Division, NOAA Fisheries, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521 (ph: 707-825-5186, fax: 707-825-4840).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Steve Liebhardt by phone 707-825-5186, or by e-mail: [steve.liebhardt@noaa.gov](mailto:steve.liebhardt@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NOAA Fisheries regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226). Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the