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*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will discuss goals, objectives and purposes for management action. The committee will also review recent Advisory Panel meeting discussions. In addition, the committee will have a presentation of preliminary data for various management options as well as recommend measures to be included in the management action. Other topics may be covered at the committee's discretion.

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 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 Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 18, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101806D]

#### 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) Crab Plan Team will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Traynor Room, Seattle, WA.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will review and comment on the draft analysis to revise Overfishing Definitions for Bering Sea Aleutian Island crab.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101806H]

#### 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's (NPFMC) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) groundfish plan teams will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on November 13-17, 2006. The meetings will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 13, and continue through Friday November 17.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Observer Training Room (BS/AI Plan

Team) and Traynor Room (GOA Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane DiCosimo or Diana Stram, NPFMC; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda: Principal business is to prepare and review the Economic Report, the Ecosystem Considerations Chapter, groundfish stock assessments, and recommend final groundfish catch specifications for 2007/08. Agenda is listed on our website at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/cmteemtg.htm>

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#### 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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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101806A]

#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota

Committee (TIQC) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The TIQC working meeting will begin Monday, November 6, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. and may go into the evening, if necessary, to complete business for the day. On Tuesday, November 7, 2006, the meeting will reconvene from 8:30 a.m. and continue until business for the day is complete. On Wednesday, November 8, 2006, the meeting will reconvene from 8:30 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 1052, Building 4, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115; telephone: (206) 526-4656.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jim Seger, Staff Officer (Economist); 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. The purpose of the TIQC working meeting is to review and further develop alternatives under analysis, with particular emphasis on co-op alternatives for whiting sectors and review of Groundfish Management Team comments from the September Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the TIQC meeting agenda may come before the TIQC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal TIQC action during these meetings. TIQC action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and to any issues arising after publication of this notice requiring 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

The 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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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101106F]

### Schedule for Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the first round of Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops. The workshops will be held in November and December 2006 and are mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or shark gillnet gear, and have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access permits. Vessel owners and operators whose permits expire in January 2007 must attend a workshop in 2006. Additional workshops will be held throughout 2007; however, vessel owners and operators whose permits expire in the winter or spring of 2007 are welcome to attend the first round of workshops in 2006.

**DATES:** Six workshops will be held between November 6, 2006, and December 14, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshops will be held in Dedham, MA; Manahawkin, NJ; Manteo, NC; Seminole, FL; Daytona Beach, FL; and Kenner, LA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details on workshop locations.

The workshop schedule and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the workshop requirement, please contact Greg Fairclough by phone: (727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Effective January 1, 2007, shark limited access and swordfish limited access permit holders must submit a copy of their Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). As such, vessel owners whose permits expire in January 2007 must attend one of the six free workshops offered in 2006. Vessel owners and operators whose permits expire in the winter or spring of 2007 may attend a

workshop in 2007 or one of the six workshops offered in 2006 (see schedule below). New shark and swordfish limited access permit applicants must attend a Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and submit a copy of their workshop certificate before such permits will be issued.

### Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. November 6, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Holiday Inn- Terrace Room, 55 Ariadne Rd. (US 1a and I95/128), Dedham, MA 02026.
2. November 8, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Holiday Inn- Main Ballroom, 151 Route 72 East, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.
3. November 15, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Outer Banks Welcome Center on Roanoke Island- Curtis H. Creech Memorial Boardroom. One Visitor's Circle Center, Manteo, NC 27954.
4. December 6, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College, Seminole Campus, 9200 113<sup>th</sup> Street N., Seminole, FL 33772.
5. December 8, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Aquatic Release Conservation, 1870 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32117.
6. December 14, 2006 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. New Orleans Airport Garden Inn. 4535 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA 70065.

### Registration

To sign up for a scheduled workshop, please contact Aquatic Release Conservation (877) 411-4272, 1870 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32117.

In addition to certifying permit holders, all longline and gillnet vessel operators fishing with a limited access swordfish or limited access shark permit are required to attend the Safe Handling, Release, and Identification workshops. Vessels that have been issued a limited access swordfish or limited access shark permit may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates. Vessel operators must possess on board the vessel valid workshop certificates for both the vessel owner and the operator at all times.

To ensure the workshop certificate is linked to the correct permit, you will need to bring the following items with you to the workshop:

Individual vessel owners must bring: proof of identification, a copy of the appropriate permit(s), and a copy of the vessel registration or documentation.

Representatives of a business owned or co-owned vessel must bring: proof that the individual is an agent of the business, a copy of the applicable permit(s), and proof of identification.

Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.