

repayable by fees from the groundfish fishery. NMFS published in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 2005 (70 FR 40225), the final rule to implement the industry fee system for repaying the program's reduction loan. The regulations implementing the program are located at § 600.1012 of 50 CFR part 600 subpart M. On August 8, 2005, NMFS published, in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 45695), a notice of the fee effective date and established September 8, 2005 as the effective date when fee collection and loan repayment began.

## II. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to adjust, in accordance with § 600.1013(b), the fee rate for the groundfish fishery. Section 600.1013(b) directs NMFS to recalculate the fee rate that will be reasonably necessary to ensure reduction loan repayment within the specified 30-year term. NMFS has determined that the current fee rate of 4.5 percent for the groundfish fishery is projected to collect more than the annual amortization amount needed for 2019. Therefore, NMFS is decreasing the fee rate to 4.0 percent for all landings beginning January 1, 2019. As of November 16, 2018, the outstanding balance on the groundfish fishery sub-loan was \$21,075,537.

Fish buyers may continue to disburse collected fee deposits to NMFS by using [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) (<http://www.pay.gov>) or mail payments to NOAA Fisheries Pacific Coast Groundfish Buyback, P.O. Box 979059, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000. Fish buyers must include the fee collection report with the fee payment. Fish buyers using [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) (<http://www.pay.gov>) will find an electronic fee collection report form. Fish buyers not using [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) may also access the NMFS website for a copy of the fee collection report at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/funding-and-financial-services/pacific-coast-groundfish-buyback>.

## III. Notice

The new 4.0 percent fee rate for the groundfish fishery will begin for all landings starting January 1, 2019. After this date, all groundfish-program fish sellers paying fees fishery shall begin paying groundfish program fees at the revised rate. After this date, all fees received by NMFS for the groundfish fishery shall be subject to the new fee rates regardless of the applicable fee month. The first due date for fee payments with the decreased rate will be February 14, 2019.

Fee collection and submission shall follow previously established methods in § 600.1013 of the framework rule and

in the final fee rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 2005 (70 FR 40225).

**Authority:** The authority for this action is Pub. L. 107 206, Pub. L. 108 7, 16 U.S.C. 1861a (b) through (e), and 50 CFR 600.1000 *et seq.*

Dated: November 28, 2018.

**Samuel D. Rauch III,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG649**

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting (webinar).

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will hold a webinar, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The webinar meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, starting at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. A public listening station is available at the Pacific Council office (address below). To attend the webinar (1) join the meeting by visiting this link <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar>, (2) enter the Webinar ID: 543-769-955, and (3) enter your name and email address (required). After logging in to the webinar, please (1) dial this TOLL number 1-415-655-0060 (not a toll-free number), (2) enter the attendee phone audio access code 360-408-262, and (3) then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). NOTE: We have disabled Mic/Speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. Technical Information and system requirements: PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, 8, 10, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (See <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/>

*ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps*). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at [Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at 503-820-2280, extension 411 for technical assistance.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this webinar is for the EWG to receive presentations on completed climate change scenario planning exercises and discuss application of these methods as part of the Pacific Council's Climate and Communities Initiative.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 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 Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, (503) 820-2411, at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 28, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG650**

#### Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will

hold its 175th Council meeting by teleconference and webinar to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region. The Council will also hold a meeting of the Protected Species Advisory Committee (PSAC) by teleconference and webinar.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on December 17, 2018. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held by teleconference and webinar. The teleconference numbers are: U.S. toll-free: (888) 482-3560 or International Access: +1(647) 723-3959, and Access Code: 5228220; the webinar can be accessed at: <https://wprfmc.webex.com/join/info.wpcouncilnoaa.gov>. The following venue also will be a host site for the PSAC meeting teleconference: Council Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI. The following venues will also be host sites for the 175th Council Meeting teleconference: Council Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; Native American Samoa Advisory Council Office Conference Room, Pava'ia'i Village, Pago Pago, American Samoa; Guam Hilton Resort and SPA, 202 Hilton Road, Tumon Bay, Guam; Department of Land and Natural Resources Conference Room, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, MP.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PSAC meeting will be held between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on December 17, 2018 (Hawaii Standard Time (HST)). The 175th Council Meeting will be held on December 17, 2018, between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. (HST); 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (American Samoa Standard Time (ASST)); and December 18, 2018, between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. (Marianas Standard Time (MST)). Agenda items noted as "Final Action Items" refer to actions that result in Council transmittal of a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under sections 304 or 305 of the MSA. Opportunities to present oral public comment will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items is addressed may change and will be announced in advance at the meetings. The meetings may run past the scheduled times noted above to complete scheduled business.

Background documents for the 175th Council meeting will be available at <http://www.wpcouncil.org>. Written

public comments for the 175th Council meeting should be received at the Council office by 5 p.m. (HST), December 13, 2018, and should be sent to Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; fax: (808) 522-8226; or email: [info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov](mailto:info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov).

#### Agenda for the PSAC Meeting

*Monday, December 17, 2018, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (HST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Status of the Fifth Protected Species Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations
4. Managing Loggerhead and Leatherback Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery
5. 2020-24 Research Priorities
6. Public Comment
7. Committee Discussion and Recommendations
8. Other Business and Next Meeting

#### Agenda for 175th Council Meeting

*Monday, December 17, 2018, 12 p.m.-2 p.m. (HST); Monday, December 17, 2018, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (ASST); Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. (MST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the 175th Agenda
3. Managing Loggerhead and Leatherback Sea Turtle Interactions in the Hawaii-based Shallow-set Longline Fishery (Final Action Item)
4. Protected Species Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations
5. Public Comment
6. Council Discussion and Recommendations
7. Other Business

Non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion and formal Council action during the 175th meeting. However, Council action on regulatory issues will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any regulatory issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 28, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public Thursday January 10, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the open meeting is the Naval Heritage Center Theater, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colonel Paul J. Hoerner, USAF, 703-681-2890 (Voice); None (Facsimile); [dha.ncr-j-6.mbx.baprequests@mail.mil](mailto:dha.ncr-j-6.mbx.baprequests@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, VA 22042-5101. Website: <https://health.mil/bap>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

The Panel will review and comment on recommendations made to the Director of the Defense Health Agency, by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, regarding the Uniform Formulary.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The Department of Defense is publishing