

Academy of Sciences' National Research Council (NRC). NMFS has also selected members for its Advisory Panel on Ecosystem Principles. All three panels were formed to comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: IFQ Advisory Panels, contact Amy Gautam, NMFS, Office of Science and Technology. Telephone: (301)713-2328. Ecosystem Principles Advisory Panel, contact Ned Cyr, NMFS, Office of Science and Technology. Telephone: (301)713-2363.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following individuals have been selected to the East coast Advisory Panel on IFQs: Richard B. Allen, RI; Ted Ames, ME; Lee Anderson, University of Delaware, DE; Harriet A. Didrikson, MA; Walter M. Gordon, Mid-Atlantic Foods, Inc., MD; Tom R. Hill, Atlantic and Pacific Marine Consultants, MA; D. Doug Hopkins, Environmental Defense Fund, NY; Pete Jensen, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, MD; Jim Kendall, New Bedford Seafood Coalition, MA; Miles Mackaness, FL; Howard Nickerson, Offshore Mariner's Association, MA; Kenneth J. Roberts, Louisiana State University, LA; David Wallace, MD; Roy O. Williams, Florida Marine Fisheries Commission, FL; R.F. Zales, II, FL. The following individuals have been selected to the West coast Advisory Panel on IFQs: Linda Behnken, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, AK; Francis Christy, Washington, DC; James Cook, West Pacific Fisheries Management Council, HI; David Fraser, AK; Rodney M. Fujita, Environmental Defense Fund, CA; Ralph G. Hoard, Icicle Seafoods, WA; Jan Jacobs, American Seafoods Company, WA; Linda Kozak, Kodiak Vessel Owners Association, AK; L. John Iani, UniSea Inc, WA; Mark S. Lundsten, WA; Scott C. Matulich, Washington State University, WA; Ben Muse, Alaska Fisheries Entry Commission, AK; C. Jim Potts, CA; Paul K. Seaton, Alaska Marine Conservation Council, AK; Elizabeth A. Stewart, Aleutians East Borough, AK. The following individuals have been selected to the Advisory Panel on Ecosystem Principles: Pete Aparicio, Texas Shrimpers Association/Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Chris Blackburn, Alaska Groundfish Data Bank; George Boehlert, NMFS-Pacific Fisheries Environment Group; Felicia Coleman, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council/ Florida State University; Philip Conkling, The Island

Institute; Robert Costanza, University of Maryland; Paul Dayton, University of California, San Diego—Scripps Institution of Oceanography; Dave Fluharty, North Pacific Fishery Management Council/ University of Washington; Robert Francis, University of Washington; Doyle Hanan, California Department of Fish and Game; Ken Hinman, National Coalition for Marine Conservation; Ed Houde, University of Maryland; James Kitchell, University of Wisconsin; Rich Langton, Maine Department of Marine Resources; Jane Lubchenco, Oregon State University; Marc Mangel, University of California at Santa Cruz; Russell Nelson, Florida Marine Fisheries Commission/ Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils; Victoria O'Connell, Alaska Department of Fish and Game; Michael Orbach, Duke University; Michael Sissenwine, NMFS—Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

Dated: May 21, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052097D]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on June 10, 1997 and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on June 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL; 813-281-8900.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mackerel AP will review options for a limited licensing system, seasonal and areal subdivisions of total allowable catch, reporting requirements, size limits, fishing seasons, and other potential management alternatives for Gulf group king mackerel.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 3, 1997.

Dated: May 22, 1997.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051997A]

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 Groundfish Management Team will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 2, 1997, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 3, June 4, and June 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center Facility, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Room 2039, Building 4, Seattle, WA; telephone: (206) 526-6150.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The first day of the meeting will be dedicated to a workshop on the use of F35% as the proxy for maximum sustainable yield. Agenda items scheduled also include inseason management projections, an update on at-sea whiting fisheries, fishery management plan amendments

to essential fish habitat, bycatch, overfishing, and other provisions required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Groundfish Management Team will also discuss stock assessment and fishery evaluation preparation plans and assignments.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 21, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intent to reconvene the Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team to review and evaluate the efficacy of two marine mammal bycatch reduction strategies implemented voluntarily by the fishery during the 1996/1997 fishing season and to evaluate the need for effort reduction and potential implementation mechanisms.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 29, 1997, from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and May 30, 1997, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802. Requests for additional information should be sent to Irma Lagomarsino, NMFS, Southwest Regional Office, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irma Lagomarsino, (310) 980-4016, fax (310) 980-4027, or Victoria Cornish, (301) 713-2322, fax (301) 713-0376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 118(f) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requires NMFS to develop

and implement a take reduction plan designed to assist in the recovery or prevent the depletion of each strategic marine mammal stock(s) which interacts with certain fisheries. The immediate goal of a take reduction plan is to reduce, within 6 months of its implementation, the incidental mortality or serious injury of strategic marine mammal stocks incidentally taken in the course of commercial fishing to levels less than the Potential Biological Removal level, or PBR, established for that stock. The long term goal of the plan shall be to reduce, within 5 years of its implementation, the incidental mortality or serious injury of marine mammals incidentally taken in the course of commercial fishing to insignificant levels approaching a zero mortality and serious injury rate, taking into account the economics of the fishery, the availability of existing technology, and existing state or regional fishery management plans.

In accordance with section 118(f)(6)(A), NMFS established the Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team for the California/Oregon thresher shark and swordfish drift gillnet fishery on February 12, 1996 (61 FR 5385). This fishery interacts with several strategic marine mammal stocks including: *Mesoplodont sp.* beaked whales, Baird's beaked whale, Cuvier's beaked whale, the sperm whale, the humpback whale, the pygmy sperm whale, and the short-finned pilot whale. These stocks are considered strategic under the MMPA, because they are either listed as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act or because the levels of human-caused mortality are greater than their PBR levels.

The team submitted a draft take reduction plan to NMFS on August 12, 1996. NMFS subsequently published a proposed rule implementing the team's draft plan on February 14, 1997 (62 FR 6931). NMFS intends to reconvene the team in accordance with section 118(f)(7)(E) and the recommendation of the team in their draft plan to review and evaluate the efficacy of two marine mammal bycatch reduction strategies implemented voluntarily by the fishery during the 1996/1997 fishing season. These include an acoustic deterrent device (pinger) experiment and setting nets at a minimum of 6 fathoms below the surface of the water. At the meeting, the team will also evaluate the need for effort reduction and potential implementation mechanisms.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Background materials may be requested from the NMFS office

indicated in the ADDRESSES section. The meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Irma Lagomarsino at (310) 980-4016 by May 27, 1997.

Dated: May 22, 1997.

Patricia Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade Futures Contracts in Corn and Soybeans; Notice That Delivery Point Specifications Must Be Amended

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00-5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 12, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Lobby Level Hearing Room located at Room 1000.

STATUS: Open.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") will convene a public meeting at which the Chicago Board of Trade ("CBT") and interested members of the public may appear before it to give oral and written statements relating to the Commission's consideration of amendments proposed by the CBT to the delivery specifications of the CBT corn and soybean futures contracts.

ADDRESSES: Requests to appear and statements of interest should be mailed to the Commodity Futures Trading Commissions, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21 Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581, attention Office of the Secretariat; transmitted by facsimile at (202) 418-5521; or transmitted electronically to [secretary@cftc.gov]. Reference should be made to "Delivery Specifications Meeting."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul M. Architzel, Chief Counsel, Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581, (202) 418-5260, or electronically, [PArchitzel@cftc.gov].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated May 8, 1997, the CBT requested an opportunity to appear before the