

Dated: August 21, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The NPFMC's Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) Committee has scheduled a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 21-22, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Room 2079, 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, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will review the draft environmental assessment and regulatory impact review for proposed changes to the IR/IU program.

Although other issues may come before this committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 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. 081198C]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Western/Central Gulf of Alaska Management Committee has scheduled a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 1998, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the on Historic Federal Building, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Committee will review analysis for a "fair start" provision of the Pacific cod longline fisheries, review the 1998 pollock "B" season results, and discuss possible additional management measures for the Western/Central Gulf of Alaska fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet during September 13-18, 1998. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, September 14, at 1 p.m. with a closed session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The open session begins at 1:30 p.m. The Council will reconvene Tuesday through Friday at 8 a.m. in open session. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Red Lion's Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 924-8041.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

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

- A. Call to Order
 1. Opening Remarks, Introductions, Roll Call
 2. Oath of Office for New Members
 3. Approve Agenda
 4. Approve June 1998 Meeting Minutes
- B. Dungeness Crab Management - Determine Need for Council Plan
- C. Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management - Consider Coordinated Management in the Pacific
 - D. Pacific Halibut Management
 1. Status of 1998 Fisheries
 2. Proposed Changes to Regulations for 1999
 - E. Coastal Pelagic Species Management - Adopt Final Plan Amendments
 - F. Habitat Issues
 - G. Salmon Management
 1. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries
 2. Preliminary Draft Plan Amendments

3. Risk Analysis for Oregon Coastal Natural Coho Plan Amendment
4. Review of Hooking Mortality and Encounter Rates
 - H. Groundfish Management
 1. Status of Regulations and Other NMFS Activities
 2. Final Plan Amendments
 3. Preliminary Stock Assessments, Harvest Levels, and Other Specifications for 1999
 4. Stocks to be Assessed in 1999
 5. Exempted Fishing Permit for Depth-Specific Sablefish Sampling
 6. Lingcod and Rockfish Allocation
 7. Other Management Measures for 1999
 8. Landing of Fish in Excess of Cumulative Limits (Overages)
 9. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments
 - I. Administrative and Other Matters
 1. Report of the Budget Committee
 2. Status of Legislation
 3. Report of the Council Chairs'
- Meeting
 4. Research and Data Needs and Economic Data Plan
 5. NMFS Report on West Coast Seals and Sea Lions
 6. Appointments to Advisory Entities
 7. Composition of Advisory Entities for 1999-2000
 8. Approve November 1998 Agenda
 9. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair for Annual Term Beginning October 1, 1998

Advisory Meetings

The Habitat Steering Group meets at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 14, to address issues and actions affecting habitat of fish species managed by the Council.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on Monday, September 14, at 8 a.m. and on Tuesday, September 15, at 8 a.m. to address scientific issues on the Council agenda.

The Groundfish Management Team will convene on Sunday, September 13, at 3 p.m., and on Monday, September 14 at 8 a.m., and will continue to meet throughout the week as necessary to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will convene on Monday, September 14, at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, September 15, at 8 a.m., and on Wednesday, September 16, at 8 a.m. to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Technical Team will convene on Monday, September 14, at 8 a.m., and on Tuesday, September 15, at 8 a.m. to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will convene on Monday, September 14, at 1

p.m., and on Tuesday, September 15, at 8 a.m. to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The HMS Policy Committee will meet on Monday, September 14, at 11 a.m. to discuss coordinated management in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Pacific and other timely HMS issues.

The Enforcement Consultants meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, to address enforcement issues relating to Council agenda items.

The Budget Committee meets on Wednesday, September 16, after Council adjournment, to review the status of the 1998 Council budget and develop a 1999 budget.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Fishery Demonstration Projects Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 22-23, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery

Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-522-8220.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fishery Demonstration Projects Advisory Panel will discuss procedures for soliciting and evaluating applications for fishery demonstration projects and other issues as required.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically 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 meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a modification to scientific research permit 1053.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Molly Lutcavage, New England Aquarium, has applied in due form for a modification to scientific research permit 1053 to take listed leatherback turtles.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before October 1, 1998.