

5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Select a member for the Red Snapper and Reef Fish APs.

5:30 p.m.—Elect a Council chair and vice chair.

September 14

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.—Convene the Budget Committee to develop the 1999 Council budget.

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to review and approve changes to the EFH Amendment for consideration by the Council on Wednesday.

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel/Reef Fish/Red Drum Management Committees to review and approve changes to the EFH Amendment for consideration by the Council on Wednesday.

September 15

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to consider the stock assessment information on vermilion snapper and gag, as well as the recommendations of the Council's scientific advisory groups and advisory panel. The recommendations of the Reef Fish Committee will be considered by the Council on Thursday.

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene a joint meeting of the Reef Fish and Shrimp Committees to review analyses by NMFS on the effectiveness of bycatch reduction devices (BRDs) in reducing bycatch of juvenile red snapper.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Convene a meeting of the Shrimp Committee to review a request by NMFS that the Council begin development of Shrimp Amendment 10. Proposed provisions would include requirements for shrimp vessel permits, logbook reporting, observers, and vessel monitoring systems (VMS). If the Council concurs with this request, the amendment would be developed in 1999.

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to consider a control date for dolphin (fish) and adding wahoo as a stock for management under the fishery management plan (FMP).

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Special Accommodations

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interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jenny Biggs at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by September 4, 1998.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory bodies.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet in Seattle, WA, the week of October 5, 1998.

DATES: 1. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, continuing through at least Wednesday, October 7, 1998.

2. The Advisory Panel (AP) will begin meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, and continue through a portion of Friday, October 9, 1998.

3. The Council will meet jointly with the International Pacific Halibut Commission, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, and begin their regular plenary session at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7, continuing through a portion of Monday, October 12, 1998.

Other workgroup or committee meetings may be held during the week. Notices of these meetings will be posted at the hotel. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council executive sessions, which may be held during the noon hour during the meeting week, if necessary, to discuss personnel, international issues, or litigation.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel-Seattle Airport, 18740 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA 98188.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the Council's joint meeting with the International Pacific Halibut Commission will include reports and discussion of the following subjects: bycatch mortality reduction in groundfish fisheries; halibut community development quota (CDQ) program, halibut individual fishing quota (IFQ) program, halibut charterboat management, halibut subsistence, Gulf of Alaska (GOA) coastal community development, and multi-agency ecosystem research.

The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports from the NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) on the current status of the fisheries off Alaska, and enforcement reports from the U.S. Coast Guard and NMFS Enforcement, and a status report on the formation of a social and economic data committee.

2. Final action on proposed amendments to the license limitation program for groundfish and crab.

3. Review of program elements and options for further development of a vessel buyback program for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island (BSAI) crab fisheries.

4. Review of a discussion paper of proposed management measures for the Alaska halibut charterboat fleet, and review of proposals received by the Alaska Board of Fisheries for halibut local area management plans.

5. The Council will review the following issues relating to CDQs:

a. Status report on the multi-species CDQ program.

b. Receive report from the multi-species CDQ Implementation Committee.

c. Receive recommendations for pollock CDQs for 1999-2000 from the State of Alaska.

d. Review and discuss a proposed rule to designate the proper agency to administer the halibut CDQ fisheries.

6. Review current Observer Program and provide direction for development of fee-based program.

7. Status report on Council compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

8. Final action on proposed amendments to the Sablefish and Halibut IFQ program and receive progress reports on a weighmaster program and the cost recovery fee program.

9. Review proposal from Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition for opportunities for community development in the Gulf of Alaska.

10. Receive a summary of the National Research Council report on ecosystem-based management and a report on regime shifts.

11. Groundfish amendments scheduled for action are as follows:

a. Initial review of revisions to the prohibited species catch allocations for BSAI chinook salmon.

b. Discussion of total catch measurement in the groundfish fisheries, review a matrix summary by species, and discuss the use of scales and bins in the pollock and yellowfin sole fisheries.

c. Action as necessary on an amendment to institute rolling closures in the sablefish fisheries to accommodate annual surveys.

d. Initial review of an amendment to address retention of demersal shelf rockfish in the GOA IFQ fisheries.

e. Initial review of an amendment for a "fair start" provision for the GOA Pacific cod longline fisheries.

f. Receive progress and committee reports on the improved retention/utilization (IR/IU) program and initial review of proposed amendments to the program. Review progress on report to Congress on IR/IU.

g. Receive status reports from the combined Vessel Bycatch Allowance/Halibut Mortality Avoidance Program/Individual Vessel Checklist Program Committee, and on the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the groundfish fisheries off Alaska.

h. Discuss request from the Alaska Board of Fisheries to consider shark management measures.

12. The Council will receive the preliminary Stock Assessment and Evaluation (SAFE) reports for the 1999 GOA and BSAI groundfish fisheries, set initial 1999 harvest and bycatch allocations, and release for public comment.

13. Initial review of a license limitation program for the scallop fisheries.

14. Approve the BSAI king and Tanner crab SAFE report for 1999 and develop options for a rebuilding plan for *bairdi* crab.

15. Review proposals received for amendments to the groundfish fishery management plans and designations of critical habitat areas and give direction to staff for further development of amendments.

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

Special Accommodations

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Dated: August 31, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 (GMT) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 1998, beginning at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, Wednesday, September 30, Thursday, October 1, and Friday, October 2, from 8 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council Conference Room, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

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: This is a work session for the GMT to prepare the annual stock assessment and fishery evaluation (SAFE) document, review

final stock assessments, and develop its final recommendations for 1999 harvest levels and management measures. The GMT will also evaluate the need for inseason trip limit adjustments and discuss information pertaining to allocation of lingcod and rockfish. The GMT may also prepare reports and recommendations regarding other issues for the Council's November 1998 meeting.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Technical Advisory Committee To Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure will hold a meeting on September 22, 23, 24, 1998. The Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure was established by the Secretary of Commerce to provide industry advice to the Department on encryption key recovery for use by federal government agencies. All sessions will be open to the public.