

collaborators; ship time and modest travel support would be available.

If an application for a financial assistance award is selected for funding, COP has no obligation to provide any additional prospective funding in connection with that award in subsequent years. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of Commerce. Publication of this notice does not obligate Commerce to any specific award or to obligate any part of the entire amount of funds available.

(e) Matching Requirements: None

(f) Type of Funding Instrument: Project Grants

(g) Eligibility Criteria: Opportunity is extended to academic, private, and federal researchers. Phase II will be followed by two years of synthesis. All prospective investigators for Phase II, including those currently funded under SEBSCC who propose to continue, will compete on an equal basis for support.

(h) Award Period: Multi-year funding will be funded incrementally on an annual basis. Therefore, each annual award shall require a Statement of Work that is clearly severable and can be easily separated into annual increments of meaningful work which represent solid accomplishments if prospective funding is not made available.

(i) Indirect Costs: If indirect costs are proposed, the following statement applies: The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under any Announcement of Opportunity must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

(j) Application Forms and Kit: When applying for financial assistance under this announcement, applicants will be able to obtain a copy of the Federal Register Notice and a standard NOAA Application Kit from the COP home page on the following World Wide Web address: <http://www.cop.noaa.gov/cop-home.html>. If you are unable to access this information, you may also call the Coastal Ocean Program (extension 116) at the address listed above to leave a mail request. The federal register notice may be also be accessed at the following Wide Web address: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/su-docs/aces/aces140.html>.

At time of submission, the applicant shall follow the guidelines presented in the funding announcement. Applications not adhering to those

stated guidelines may be returned to the applicant without further review.

(k) Project Funding Priorities: Priority consideration will be given to proposals that promote balanced coverage of the overall SEBSCC science goals, provide a programmatically balanced approach to Phase II goals, and avoid duplication of completed or ongoing work.

(l) Evaluation Criteria: The proposal selection criteria and weights are: (i.) scientific rationale, quality, and approach—50%; (ii.) applicability to Phase II objectives—30%; (iii) qualifications of the investigators—10%; and (iv.) reasonableness of the budget—10%. Successful PIs may be asked to make minor revisions in their proposals to fit into an overall program structure.

(m) Selection Procedures: The proposal review process for SEBSCC Phase II will be coordinated by the Project Management Team and the COP Office. Proposals received after the required thirty days for publication deadline, or proposals that deviate from the prescribed format, will be returned to the sender un-reviewed. Individual proposals will be mailed to at least three (3) reviewers with expertise in the proposal subject area. The entire set of proposals will also be read by members of SEBSCC's Technical Advisory Committee. All proposals submitted will be evaluated in accordance with the assigned weights of evaluation criteria stated above.

A panel, composed of the Technical Advisory Committee and the Project Management Team (also a mix of Federal and non-federal members), will rank all proposals based on mail and panel evaluations. The NOAA SEBSCC Project Coordinator will make recommendations for funding based on the panel rankings and the project funding priorities discussed in section (k). Selections will be announced early in FY1999.

(n) Other Requirements: See initial COP Notice—63 FR44237, dated August 18, 1998.

(o) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This notice involves collections of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act. The requirements have been approved by OMB under control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040 and 0348-0046.

Dated: October 6, 1998.

Captain Evelyn J. Fields,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100298A]

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 November 1-6, 1998. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, November 3, at 8 a.m. The Council will reconvene Wednesday through Friday at 8 a.m. in open session, except on Thursday, the Council will begin with a closed session to discuss litigation and personnel matters from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel - Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217; telephone: (503) 283-2111.

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. Approve Agenda
 3. Approve September 1998 Meeting Minutes
- B. Groundfish Management
 1. Final Harvest Levels and Other Specifications for 1999, Except Lingcod and Bocaccio
 2. Status of Federal Regulations and Other NMFS Activities
 3. Status of Review of Trawl Capacity Reduction Program (Buyback)

4. Management Measures for 1999, Including Harvest Guidelines for Lingcod and Bocaccio

5. Status of Fisheries in 1998 and Inseason Adjustments

6. Landing of Fish in Excess of Cumulative Limits (Overages)

7. Exempted Fishing Permits for Depth-Specific Sampling

8. Estimation of Total Catch and Discard

9. Review of Stock Assessment Process in 1998

10. Direction to Ad-Hoc Allocation Committee Concerning Management Beyond 1999

11. Direction to Legal Gear Committee(s)

C. Salmon Management

1. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries in 1998

2. Final Risk Assessment for Oregon Coastal Natural Coho

3. Updates on Activities to Restore Natural Stocks

4. Potential Revisions to Methodologies

5. Experimental Fishery South of Pt. Sur in 1999

6. Draft Plan Amendments, Including Essential Fish Habitat

D. Habitat Issues

E. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Summary of 1998 Fisheries

2. Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and Regulations for 1999

F. Coastal Pelagic Species

Management - Exempted Fishing Permit to Harvest Anchovy in Closed Area

G. Highly Migratory Species (HMS)

Management - Alternatives for

Coordinated Management in the Pacific

H. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of the Budget Committee

2. Status of Legislation

3. Appointments to Advisory Entities for 1999-2000

4. Research and Data Needs and Economic Data Plan

5. March 1999 Agenda

Advisory Meetings

The Groundfish Management Team will convene on Sunday, November 1, at 3 p.m., and on Monday, November 2 at 8 a.m., and will continue to meet throughout the week as necessary to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Habitat Steering Group meets at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 2, to address issues and actions affecting habitat of fish species managed by the Council.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will convene on Monday, November 2, at 8 a.m. and on Tuesday, November 3, at 8 a.m. to address scientific issues on the Council agenda.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will convene on Monday, November 2, at 1 p.m., on Tuesday, November 3, at 8 a.m., and on Wednesday, November 4, at 8 a.m., and will meet Thursday if necessary to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Technical Team will convene on Monday, November 2, at 1 p.m., and on Tuesday, November 3, at 8 a.m. to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will convene on Monday, November 2, at 1 p.m., and on Tuesday, November 3, at 8 a.m. to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Budget Committee meets on Monday, November 2, at 1 p.m., to review the status of the 1998 Council budget and develop a 1999 budget.

The HMS Policy Committee will meet on Monday, November 2, at 3 p.m. to discuss coordinated management in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Pacific and other timely HMS issues.

The SSC Salmon Subcommittee meets at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 2, to review potential changes to methodologies.

The Enforcement Consultants meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, to address enforcement issues relating to Council agenda items.

There will be a salmon plan amendment briefing on Monday, November 2, at 2 p.m.

There will be a groundfish stock assessment process discussion on Monday November 2, at 7 p.m.

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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John S. Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 5, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of an Import Restraint Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Fiji

October 2, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustras.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limit for textile products, produced or manufactured in Fiji and exported during the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 is based on a limit notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limit for the 1999 period. The sublimit for Categories 338-S/339-S/638-S/639-S is being reduced for carryforward applied to the 1998 sublimit.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Information regarding the 1999