

stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

#### Tentative Meeting Schedule

The schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 1999 follows. Specific locations and times will be published in the **Federal Register**.

*February 19, 1999:* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.

*April 9, 1999:* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.

*April 30 to May 3, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Scientific Committee Working Groups.

*May 3 to 15, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Scientific Committee.

*May 17 to 19, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Whale Killing Methods Workshop.

*May 19 to 21, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Commission Committee, Sub-committees and Working Groups.

*May 24 to 28, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

Department of Commerce meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Catherine Corson at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

#### Patricia Montanio,

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110398A]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Whiting Oversight Committee on

Monday, November 30, 1998 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 30, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the specific time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Portsmouth, NH. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the specific location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Meeting Date and Agenda

*Monday, November 30, 1998, 10:00 a.m.—Whiting Oversight Committee Meeting.*

Location: Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-6774; fax: (603) 431-5553.

Review rationale for final management measures for Amendment 12 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (to manage silver hake, offshore hake, and red hake); review text of draft regulations for Amendment 12; discuss and resolve outstanding issues identified by NMFS relevant to achieving the objectives of the management plan and fulfilling the requirements of the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Committee action during this meeting. Committee action will be restricted to those issues specifically 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 Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

#### 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

[I.D. 110498D]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a plan team meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Plan Team for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan will meet in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 30–December 1, 1998, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 229, Old 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:** David Witherell, telephone: 907-271-2809.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The agenda for the meeting will include the following:

1. Review of comments received from the Scientific and Statistical Committee on the Crab Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report.
2. Review length-based analysis model for Bristol Bay red king crab.
3. Review progress on Bering Sea C. bairdi crab rebuilding plan.
4. Review opilio crab bycatch limits in the scallop fishery.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Team 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. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically 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 Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

### Technology Administration

[Docket No. 9805-29140-8140-01]

#### **Cooperation Between the Technology Administration of the United States Department of Commerce and the Science and Technology Commission of The People's Republic of China; Civil Industrial Technology Coordinating Committee**

**AGENCY:** Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations for the coordinating committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Technology Administration invites nominations of individuals to appointment to the Civil Industrial Technology Coordinating Committee established under the Implementing Arrangement Concerning Cooperation in Civil Industrial Technology. The Technology Administration will consider all nominations received in response to this notice of appointment to the Coordinating Committee.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before January 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Phyllis Yoshida, Office of Technology Policy, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 4411, Washington, D.C. 20230. Nominations may also be submitted by fax to 202-219-3310.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phyllis Yoshida, telephone 202-482-1287; fax 202-219-3310; e-mail *Phyllis\_Yoshida@ta.doc.gov*.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Goals of the Implementing Arrangement**

On October 24, 1996, the United States Department of Commerce and the State Science and Technology Commission of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants") signed the Implementing Arrangement Concerning Cooperation in Civil Industrial Technology. It establishes a framework and goals for cooperation in science and technology, and requires the creation of a joint Civil Industrial Technology Coordinating Committee ("CIT Coordinating

Committee"). The Technology Administration is the executive secretariat for this initiative.

The goal of the Participants is to promote mutually beneficial cooperation among public and private entities in both nations, to strengthen technological capabilities of the Participants, and to broaden and intensify relations between their technological communities.

#### **Cooperative Activities**

Cooperative activities under this Implementing Arrangement may include, among others, joint research and technology projects, studies, and investigations; joint technological courses, workshops, conferences, and symposia; exchange of scientific and technical information in the context of cooperative activities; and other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be deemed appropriate. Cooperative activities should reflect technological strengths in China and the United States, and should be structured to provide an appropriate role for the private sector and academic organizations.

#### **Information on the CIT Coordinating Committee**

The Participants intend to jointly establish a CIT Coordinating Committee, consisting of 12 members, six to be designated by the Department of Commerce, and six to be designated by the State Science and Technology Commission. The Committee also includes the Executive Secretariat and Secretariat, two government officials designated by each of the Participants. The Coordinating Committee members will be drawn from the private sector, representing private industry, academia, or non-governmental organizations in the Participants' countries.

The members of the Coordinating Committee will be expected to carry out the following functions:

1. Identify fields and forms of cooperation in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Implementing Arrangement;
2. Review, assess, and make specific recommendations concerning cooperative activities; and
3. Undertake other appropriate functions as may be approved by the Participants.

#### **Meetings of the Coordinating Committee**

The CIT Coordinating Committee meets twice a year, alternating between China and the United States to meet the objectives of the Implementing Arrangement.

#### **Length of Service**

The Participants intend to maximize public participation through regular rotation of CIT Coordinating Committee members. Committee members will serve a three year term, with staggered term ends to ensure that at least one-third of the membership is replaced annually.

#### **Membership Criteria and Requirements**

The U.S. members of the CIT Coordinating Committee shall be eminent leaders from industry, academia, or government who have experience in technology development, technology diffusion, or international technology collaboration. The CIT Coordinating Committee members should be familiar with the business climate, status of technology, and economic development of China. They should be U.S. citizens. Members of the CIT Coordinating Committee shall serve without compensation.

The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace, and seeks a broad-based and diverse CIT Coordinating Committee membership.

#### **Conflict of Interest**

Nominees will be evaluated for their ability to contribute to the goals and objectives of the Implementing Arrangement. Nominees will be vetted in accordance with processes established by the Department of Commerce in February 1997, as soon as possible following tentative selection. The vetting has three components: (1) an internal review for possible appearance of conflict problems; (2) an external review for possible appearance of problems; and (3) a recusal/ethics agreement review.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

**Kelly H. Carnes,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Technology Administration

[Docket No. 9805-29138-8138-01]

#### **The United States-Greek Initiative for Technology Cooperation With the Balkans; Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Council**

**AGENCY:** Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations for joint council.