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The COP Grants Application Package has been approved by OMB under control number 0648-0384 and includes the following information collections: a Summary Proposal Budget Form, a Project Summary Form, standardized formats for the Annual Performance Report and the Final Report, and the submission of up to 20 copies of proposals. Copies of these forms and formats can be found on the COP Home Page under Grants Support section, Part F.

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Dated: March 13, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031400E]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee and Advisory Panel in April, 2000 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The Council will hold these meetings between Thursday, April 6, 2000 and Friday, April 21, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held in Warwick, RI. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978)465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, April 6, 2000, at 10 a.m. and Friday, April 7, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. — Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

The committee will develop draft management alternatives for Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The committee will recommend these draft alternatives to the Council at its May 3-5, 2000 meeting for inclusion and analysis in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

Friday, April 21, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. — Joint Scallop Oversight Committee and Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

The committee and advisors will review and finalize the draft management alternatives for Amendment 10 to the FMP. The committee will recommend these draft alternatives to the Council at its May 3-5, 2000 meeting for inclusion and analysis in the DSEIS.

Although non-emergency 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 action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 dates.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

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. 031500B]

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 April 3-7, 2000. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, April 3, at 1:30 p.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings and hearing will be held at the Doubletree Hotel - Columbia River, 1401 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: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, 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. Executive Director's Report
3. Approve Agenda
- B. Groundfish Management
1. Agendum Overview
2. Status of Federal Regulations, Research Programs, and Other Activities
3. Harvest Rate Policy
4. Exempted Fishing Permits: Research Efforts

5. Canary Rockfish Allocation and Inseason Adjustment in the Pink Shrimp and Other Fisheries
6. Adoption of Rockfish Bycatch Estimate and Inseason Adjustments in Relevant Fisheries
7. Inseason Adjustments including English Sole and Redband Rockfish Retention Regulations
8. Inseason Adjustment in the Vertical Line Black Rockfish Allocation
9. Plan Amendment for Stock Rebuilding
10. Rebuilding Plans for Canary Rockfish and Cowcod
11. Status of Groundfish Strategic Plan
12. Observer Program
13. Plan Amendment to Address Bycatch and Management Measure Issues-Review First Draft
14. Renewal of Emergency Rule for 2000 Management Measures
15. American Fisheries Act
16. Efforts to Reduce Yellowtail Rockfish Catch in the Whiting Fishery: Review of Exempted Fishing Permit
- C. Salmon Management
 1. Agendum Overview
 2. Identification of Stocks Not Meeting Escapement Goals for Three Consecutive Years
 3. Methodology Reviews for 2000
 4. Tentative Adoption of 2000 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis
 5. Clarify Council Direction on 2000 Management Measures, If Necessary
 6. Final Action on 2000 Measures
 7. Clarification of Final Action on 2000 Measures (IF NECESSARY)
- D. Administrative and Other Matters
 1. Agendum Overview
 2. Report of the Budget Committee
 3. Report of the Legislative Committee
 4. Establishment of a Council Operating Procedure for E-Mail
 5. Appointments to and Composition of Council Advisory Entities
 6. Groundfish Workload Issues
 7. June 2000 Draft Agenda
- E. Marine Reserves
- Staff Report
- F. Habitat Issues
- Report of the Habitat Steering Group

Advisory Meetings

The Groundfish Management Team will meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 2 and throughout the week as necessary to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will convene on Monday, April 3, at 8 a.m. and will continue to meet throughout the week as necessary to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on Monday,

April 3, at 8 a.m., and on Tuesday, April 4, at 8 a.m. to address scientific issues on the Council agenda.

The Habitat Steering Group meets at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 3, to address issues and actions affecting habitat of fish species managed by the Council.

The Budget Committee meets on Monday, April 3 at 9 a.m. to review the status of the 2000 Council budget and the proposed budget for 2001.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 3 and will convene throughout the week to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Technical Team will convene throughout the week (Monday April 3 through Friday April 7) as necessary to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Enforcement Consultants meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, and will continue to meet as necessary through Friday, April 7 to address enforcement issues relating to Council agenda items.

The ad-hoc Marine Reserve Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 4 at 5 p.m. to discuss marine reserve issues relating to Council agenda items.

Comments on Council Agenda Items will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or internet.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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: March 16, 2000.

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

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice will provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 5, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 6, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday, April 7, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Place: American Geophysical Union, 2000 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with two 30-minute time periods set aside during the meeting for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meeting will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by March 29, 2000, in order to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after March 29 will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

Matters to Be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Overview and SAB discussion of FY 2000 NOAA budget, (2) NOAA update to SAB recommendations concerning the establishment of three pilot SAB Working Groups to develop review processes that will be used to review