

Professional Organizations—Walter J. Armbruster, Darien, IL; Ronald C. Wimberley, Raleigh, NC.

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory. The Committee will make recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture with regards to the agricultural statistics program of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and such other matters as it may deem advisable, or which the Secretary of Agriculture, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, or the Administrator of NASS may request. The Advisory Committee meeting will be held on February 17–18, 2004. All meetings are open to the public. Committee members will be reimbursed for official travel expenses only.

Signed at Washington, DC, February 5, 2004.

R. Ronald Bosecker,

Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

In connection with its investigation into the cause of a deadly explosion and the leakage of 26,000 pounds of aqua ammonia into the atmosphere from the DD Williamson & Co., Inc. plant in Louisville, Kentucky on April 11, 2003, the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board announces that it will convene a Public Meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. local time on March 12, 2004, at the Galt House, 140 North Fourth Street, Louisville, KY, 40202. Telephone: 502–568–5200.

At the meeting CSB staff will present to the Board the results of their investigation into this incident, including an analysis of the incident together with a discussion of the key findings, root and contributing causes, and draft recommendations. The CSB staff presentation will focus on three key safety issues: overpressure protection, hazard evaluation systems, and engineering at small facilities.

This incident occurred at 2:10 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2003, when a vessel explosion at the DD Williamson plant killed an operator and caused extensive damage to the western end of the facility. As a consequence of the explosion, 26,000 pounds of aqua ammonia (29.4% ammonia solution in water) leaked into the atmosphere, forcing the evacuation of 26 residents. The DD Williamson plant employs approximately 45 people and is located

in a mixed industrial and residential neighborhood approximately 1.5 miles east of downtown Louisville.

Recommendations proposed in the investigative report are issued by a vote of the Board and address identified safety deficiencies uncovered during the investigation, and specifies how to correct the situation. Safety recommendations are the primary tool used by the Board to motivate implementation of safety improvements and prevent future incidents. The CSB uses its unique independent accident investigation perspective to identify trends or issues that might otherwise be overlooked. CSB recommendations may be directed to corporations, trade associations, government entities, safety organizations, labor unions and others.

After the staff presentation, the Board will allow a time for public comment. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether to vote to approve the final report and recommendations.

All staff presentations are preliminary and are intended solely to allow the Board to consider in a public forum the issues and factors involved in this case. No factual analyses, conclusions or findings should be considered final. Only after the Board has considered the staff presentation and approved the staff report will there be an approved final record of this incident.

The meeting will be open to the public. Please notify CSB if a translator or interpreter is needed, at least 5 business days prior to the public meeting. For more information, please contact the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board at (202) 261–7600, or visit our Web site at: <http://www.csb.gov>.

Christopher W. Warner,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021704D]

North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of

Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI), King and Tanner, Scallop, plan teams will meet via video conference in 4 locations and by teleconference, telephone: 907–586–7060.

DATES: The meetings will be held on March 8, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Alaska Time); March 9, 2004, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Alaska Time).

ADDRESSES: The listening stations are located in Anchorage, Juneau, Kodiak, AK and Seattle, WA. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for locations.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, Cathy Coon, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: 907–271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The listening/video stations are as follows:

North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Avenue, Room 301, Anchorage, AK;

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Conference Room, Seattle, WA;

NMFS, 709 W 9th Street, 4th Floor, Sustainable Fisheries Conference Room, Juneau, AK;

Fishery Industry Technology Center, 301 Research Center, Conference Room, Kodiak, AK.

The meetings will begin at 8 a.m. on March 8. The plan team will review proposals for designation of Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC), that were submitted to the Council. The plan teams will evaluate the proposals and develop recommendations to assist the Council with development of HAPC designation alternatives.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, 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 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 Gail Bendixen,

907–271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 18, 2004.

Tracey Thompson,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021704F]

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 March 7–12, 2004. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, March 9, at 8 a.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 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA 98402; telephone: 253–572–3200.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820–2280 or (866) 806–7204.

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

- A. Call to Order
 - 1. Opening Remarks and Introductions
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Executive Director's Report
 - 4. Approve Agenda
- B. Administrative Matters
 - 1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Legislative Matters
 - 3. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums
 - 4. Draft April 2004 Council Meeting Agenda
 - 5. Regional Council Conference: Magnuson-Stevens Act The First 25 Years
- C. Salmon Management
 - 1. Update on Pacific Salmon Commission Coho Fishery Regulatory Assessment Model for 2004 Salmon Management
 - 2. Review of 2003 Fisheries and Summary of 2004 Stock Abundance Estimates
 - 3. Inseason Management Recommendations for Seasons Prior to May 1 for the Commercial Fishery Between Horse Mountain and Point Arena (Fort Bragg Area)
 - 4. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2004 Salmon Management Options
 - 5. Council Recommendations for 2004 Management Option Analysis

6. Salmon Fishery Management Plan Amendment Issues

7. Update on Mitchell Act Hatchery Needs

8. Council Direction for 2004 Management Options (If Necessary)

9. Adoption of 2004 Management Options for Public Review

10. Salmon Hearings Officers

D. Enforcement Issues

1. Contact-to-Violation Ratio in the Recreational Groundfish Fishery

2. U.S. Coast Guard Fishery Enforcement

E. Groundfish Management

1. NMFS Report

2. Lingcod and Cabezon Stock Assessments for 2005–06

3. Stock Assessment Planning for 2007–08 Fishery Management

4. Status of Groundfish Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments

5. Pacific Whiting Management

F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. NMFS Report

2. Report on International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting

3. Public Review Options for the 2004 Incidental Catch Regulations in the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries

G. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues

2. Corals and Living Substrate Report

3. Artificial Reefs in Southern California

H. Marine Protected Areas

1. Marine Reserves in the Federal Waters Portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

2. Scientific and Statistical Committee Review of Marine Reserves Issues

3. Update on Other Marine Protected Area Activities

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2004		
Groundfish Management Team	2 p.m.	Tacoma 4 Room
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004		
Council Secretariat	8 a.m.	Main Hall D
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Tacoma 3 Room
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.	Tacoma 4 Room
Klamath Fishery Management Council	8 a.m.	Tacoma 1 Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Main Hall E
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.	Main Hall C
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.	Main Hall F
Habitat Committee	1 p.m.	South/Center Room
Legislative Committee	11 a.m.	2nd Floor Boardroom
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary	Tacoma 2 Room
Tribal and Washington Technical Groups	As necessary	Executive Board Room
Washington State Delegation	As necessary	North Room
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004		
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.	Main Hall D
California State Delegation	7 a.m.	Tacoma 3 Room
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	2nd Floor Boardroom
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.	Tacoma 3 Room
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.	Tacoma 4 Room
Habitat Committee	8 a.m.	South/Center Room