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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XR55**

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

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

**SUMMARY:** A public meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee will be held to review new rebuilding analyses for eight west coast groundfish species. This meeting is a work session which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee meeting to review new groundfish rebuilding analyses will be held beginning at 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009 and will end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business. The meeting will reconvene at 9 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 2009 and will end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business.

**ADDRESSES:** The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee meeting will be held at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Western Regional Center's Sand Point Facility, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Observer Training Room 1055, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98115-6349; telephone: (206) 526-4000. *Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the SSC Groundfish

Subcommittee meeting is to review new draft rebuilding analyses for bocaccio, canary rockfish, cowcod, darkblotched rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, widow rockfish, yelloweye rockfish, and petrale sole and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions, and ultimately produce an SSC report for use by the Council family and other interested persons. These new rebuilding analyses will be used to analyze 2011-12 harvest specifications for these species and to develop or modify rebuilding plans for these species.

No management actions will be decided at this SSC Groundfish Subcommittee meeting. The SSC Groundfish Subcommittees' role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the SSC and the Council at its November meeting in Costa Mesa, CA.

Entry to the NOAA Western Regional Center's Sand Point Facility requires visitors to show a valid picture ID and register with security. A visitor's badge, which must be worn while at the NOAA Western Regional Center's Facility, will be issued to non-Federal employees participating in the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the meeting participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. SSC Groundfish Subcommittee 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 meeting participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 8, 2009.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings and hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Non-Commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee which may make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The Non-Commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on September 30, 2009. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The Non-Commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee will meet at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop St. Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, telephone: (808) 522-8220; and by teleconference (1-888-482-3560, Access Code: 5228220).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Non-Commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee may receive reports and make recommendations on emerging fishery issues in the Western Pacific Region. A public comment period will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Schedule and Agenda for Non-Commercial Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

*Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Hawaii Time)*

1. Introductions
2. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
3. Recreational Fishing and Management in the Western Pacific Region
  - A. Recreational Data Task Force
  - B. Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey
  - C. Hawaii Marine Recreational Fishery Survey

- D. Guam Voluntary Data Collection Program
- 4. Current Recreational Fishing Initiatives
  - A. Marine Recreational Information Program
  - B. National Saltwater Angler Registry
- 5. Council Actions
  - A. American Samoa Voluntary Logbook Data Collection Program
  - B. Recommendations on Mandatory Permitting and Reporting Requirements for Recreational Fisheries in the Western Pacific
- 6. Public Comments
- 7. Discussion and Action
- 8. Other Business

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 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 Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XR56**

#### 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 (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings in October.

**DATES:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Saturday October 3 continuing through Friday October 9, 2009. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Thursday October 1 and continue through Tuesday October 6. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday October 1 and continue through Saturday October 3, 2009. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Witherell, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Council Plenary Session: 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:
  - Election of Officers
  - Executive Director's Report
  - NMFS Management Report
  - Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report (including report on Board of Fish Proposals)
  - U.S. Coast Guard Report
  - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
  - Protected Species Report
2. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Pacific Cod Allocation: Initial review GOA Pacific cod sector split.
3. GOA Rockfish Program: Discussion paper and action as necessary.
4. Observer Program: Receive report on electronic monitoring Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Phase two; review implementation analysis; receive Observer Advisory Committee report and action as necessary.
5. BSAI Crab Issues: BSAI Crab Regional Delivery Relief, identify preliminary preferred alternative; Initial Review of Crab Right of First Refusal provisions; Review proposals to address western Aleutian Island golden king crab fishery; Review outline for 5-year review of the program; Approve BSAI Crab Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) and Over Fishing Limits (OFLs); receive discussion paper on Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) limits; Review status of Saint Matthew & Pribilof Blue King Crab and Opilio rebuilding plans.
6. Groundfish Actions: Final action on bottom trawl gear sweep requirements for flatfish trawl fishery; final action on

management of BSAI skate complex; receive Plan Team report; approve proposed catch specifications

7. Permit Fees: Final action on permit fees.

8. Salmon Bycatch: Initial review of salmon bycatch data collection; receive Geiger/Pella report on salmon bycatch sampling. (SSC only/and NMFS salmon sampling protocol)

9. Groundfish Issues: Review progress on Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) requirements; Review discussion paper on GOA Tanner and Chinook bycatch; Approve 5-year Research Priorities; Habitat Area Particular Concern (HAPC) evaluation criteria (SSC only).

10. Halibut Issues: Three-year charter halibut logbook review.

11. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking; review Rural Outreach Committee report; consider additional alternative for Amendment 93 per NMFS request.

12. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Observer Program
2. Bering Sea Crab
3. Groundfish Actions
4. Salmon Bycatch
5. Groundfish Issues
6. Halibut Issues

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council, except for #1 reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

#### 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 at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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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.