

Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2015–17 harvest levels and management measures. The Council will review and discuss comments received by Advisors on modifications to the Scup GRA Framework 8. The Council will review a progress update on the initial analysis of current alternatives on the Deep Sea Coral Amendment. The Council will receive an update on the overall implementation of MRIP, review results of the for-hire reporting pilot projects, and discuss possible changes to the for-hire reporting. The Council will receive a presentation entitled *Who Fishes There*—Establishing a baseline of spatial fishing revenue along the Atlantic coast. This presentation will show the Council a GIS application that will identify areas important to specific fishing communities, species, gears, and sessions that will establish a baseline of commercial fishing effort for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The discussion during the Listening Session will be on the United Kingdom experience related to managing navigational hazards for fishermen during wind farm construction and data collection by fishing vessels concerning commercial species behavior in and around wind farms.

On Thursday, April 10—The Council will review and approve the SBRM Amendment. The Council will receive a briefing on the cost associated with the current observer program for the Industry-Funded Monitoring Omnibus Amendment. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Council Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business, which will include the RSA permitting cycle, Surfclam/Ocean Quahog industry concerns regarding the NEFMC Habitat Amendment and Council planning for the Summer Flounder Amendment.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public information meeting to gather fishery industry perspectives on the likely impacts of alternative spiny dogfish trip limits.

DATES: The meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2014 beginning at 7 p.m. and will conclude by 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a listening station also available at the Council address below. Webinar link: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/dogfish/>.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) has formally recommended maintaining existing (4,000 lb) federal spiny dogfish trip limits for the 2014 and 2015 fishing years, while the New England Fishery Management Council has recommended eliminating federal trip limits for this fishery. In order to fully inform the impact analysis being prepared by the MAFMC and its development of comments during

pending rulemaking, the MAFMC is holding a webinar to collect industry perspectives on the likely operational and economic impacts of existing and alternative spiny dogfish trip limit options for this fishery.

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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.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its and Hawaii and Pacific Remote Island Area Archipelago Plan Team (HI–PRIA PT), the Joint Hawaii, Marianas and American Samoa Archipelago Plan Team (Joint PT) and the Council's Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee—Technical Committee (FDCRC–TC). The HI–PRIA PT and Joint PT will review the status of the nearshore fisheries, data collection issues and improvements, improvements in the Annual Catch Limit (ACL) specifications, and developing Cooperative Research Priorities and conduct a workshop to

estimate fishing mortality (F) and natural mortality (M) using length-based estimates. The FDCRC-TC will develop a regional strategic plan for fishery research and data collection improvements and review the Council's 5 year research priorities.

DATES: The HI-PRIA PT meeting will be held on April 8, 2014, the Joint PT meeting on April 9–11, 2014, and the FDCRC-TC meeting April 14–16, 2014. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The HI-PRIA PT, Joint PT and FDCRC-TC meetings will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comment periods will be provided. 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 the HI-PRIA PT Meeting

April 8, 2014—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda & Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of Fishery Monitoring Programs and Research Projects
 - A. Coral Reef Fisheries
 - i. Re-estimation of coral reef recreational fishery catches
 - ii. Estimation of F and M of reef fishes: insight on stock status
 - iii. Kumu stock assessment
 - iv. Uhu stock assessment
 - v. Proposed size limits on reef fish in Maui
 - B. Crustacean Fisheries
 - C. Precious Coral Fisheries
 - D. Bottomfish Fisheries
 - i. Main Hawaiian Island ACL Monitoring
 - ii. Amendment to the Hawaii Fishery Ecosystem Plan
 - iii. Bottomfish Working Group report: Research Component
 - E. Discussions
4. Discussion on the Council's 5-Year Program Plan
5. General Discussions
6. Other Business
7. Public Comment
8. Hawaii and PRIA Archipelago Plan Team recommendations

Schedule and Agenda for the Joint PT Meeting

April 9, 2014—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Draft Agenda & Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Report on previous Plan Team recommendations and Council actions
4. Archipelagic Fisheries Report
 - A. American Samoa Fisheries Module
 - i. Coral reef and crustacean fisheries
 - ii. Bottomfish fisheries
 - iii. Report on fishery independent surveys
 - iv. FADs and sportfishing report
 - v. Territory projects, initiatives and activities
 - vi. Informing creel survey adjustment factors using village-based fisheries profiles
 - B. Developing non-commercial catch report in the annual reports
 - C. Discussions
 - D. Public Comment
 5. Administrative and regulatory updates
 - A. American Samoa
 - B. Northern Mariana Islands
 - C. Hawaii
 - D. Discussions
 - E. Public Comment
 6. Annual Catch Limits
 - A. Evaluating 2013 catches relative to its respective ACLs (Action Item)
 - B. ACLs from the biomass-augmented catch-MSY approach
 - C. Discussions
 - D. Public Comment
 7. Improving Fishery Data Collection in the Western Pacific Region
 - A. Stock assessment framework for coral reef fishes in Guam
 - B. Fishery Data Collection in the Guam Naval Base
 - C. Report on expansion validation and variance estimation project
 - D. Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
 - E. Project status in the omnibus proposal for fishery data collection improvements
 - F. Discussions
 - G. Public Comment
 8. Update Cooperative Research and developing priorities
 9. General Discussions
 10. Archipelagic Plan Team Recommendations
 11. Other Business

Work Group Session on Generating Fishing and Natural Mortalities for Reef Fishes From Fishery Dependent and Independent Length Estimates

April 10, 2014—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

14. Workshop Introduction
 - A. Overview
 - B. Workshop Format
 - C. Workshop Product
15. Estimating F and M for reef fishes in Hawaii

16. Review of the length-based stock assessment approach
17. Refresher on estimating mortality rates using a length-based mortality model in Excel
18. Report out on data inventory
19. Task assignment per jurisdiction
20. Breakout session 1
 - A. Data compilation
 - B. Data standardization session
 - C. Literature search and drafting the report sections
21. Breakout session 2
 - A. Model runs
 - B. Result validation
 - C. Literature search and drafting the report sections

April 11, 2014—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

22. Continuation of breakout session 2
 - A. Model runs
 - B. Result validation
23. Report out on preliminary results
24. Result interpretations and report generation
25. General discussion and result consensus

Schedule and Agenda for the FDCRC-TC Meeting

April 14, 2014—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

1. Welcome remarks
2. Introduction
3. Understand all perspectives: analysis of strength, weakness, opportunities, and threats (SWOT)
 - A. American Samoa
 - B. Guam
 - C. Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
 - D. Hawaii
 - E. Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center
 - F. University of Hawaii and University of Guam
 - G. Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
4. Develop vision statements
5. Craft a common vision statement
6. Develop outcomes to accomplish vision

April 15, 2014—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

7. Review day 1
8. Discuss fisheries research and management
9. Add projects to the plan
10. Develop metrics to measure projects
11. Develop the plan
12. Next steps

April 16, 2014—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

13. Review of day 2
14. Develop the implementation plan
15. Develop the timeline and assignment of agency responsibilities
16. Review and update of the Council's 5 year research priorities

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Applications for six new scientific research permits, one permit modification, and three research permit renewals.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received 10 scientific research permit application requests relating to Pacific salmon, sturgeon, rockfish, and eulachon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts. The applications may be viewed online at: https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or

fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on April 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the applications should be sent to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5441 or by email to nmfs.nwr.apps@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Clapp, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2314), Fax: 503-230-5441, email: Robert.Clapp@noaa.gov. Permit application instructions are available from the address above, or online at <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened California Coastal (CC); threatened Central Valley spring-run (CVS); threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR); threatened Puget Sound (PS); endangered Sacramento River winter-run (SRW); threatened Snake River (SR) fall-run; threatened SR spring/summer-run (spr/sum); endangered Upper Columbia River (UCR) spring-run; threatened Upper Willamette River (UWR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened UCR; threatened SR; threatened middle Columbia River (MCR); threatened California Central Valley (CCV); threatened LCR; threatened Northern California (NC); threatened PS; threatened South-Central California Coast (SCC); threatened UWR.

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): endangered SR.

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River (CR).

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened LCR; threatened Oregon Coast (OC); threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC).

Eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*): threatened southern DPS (S. eulachon).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et. seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take

listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Applications Received

Permit 1127-4R

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes are seeking to renew their permit to annually take listed SR Chinook salmon and steelhead while conducting research designed to (1) monitor adult and juvenile fish in key upper Snake River subbasin watersheds, (2) assess the utility of hatchery Chinook salmon in increasing natural populations in the Salmon and Clearwater Rivers, and (3) evaluate the genetic and ecological impacts of hatchery Chinook salmon on natural populations. The fish would primarily benefit from the research in two ways. First, the research would broadly be used to help guide restoration and recovery efforts throughout the Snake River basin. Second, and more specifically, the research would be used to determine how hatchery supplementation can be used as a tool for salmon recovery. The researchers would use screw traps, weirs, and electrofishing to capture the listed fish. Once captured, the fish would undergo various sampling, tagging, and handling regimes; they would then be allowed to recover and released. Some tissue samples would be taken from adult fish carcasses, and the researchers would conduct some snorkeling surveys and redd counts. In all cases, trained crews would conduct the operations, no adult salmonids would be electrofished, and all activities would take place in the Salmon River subbasin. The researchers are not proposing to kill any of the fish they capture, but some may die as an unintended result of the research.

Permit 1410-8R

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) is requesting to renew permit 1410 for a period of five years. The permit would authorize the NWFSC to annually take adult and juvenile fish from all of the listed salmon, steelhead, and eulachon in this notice while conducting a study of the Columbia River plume and the surrounding ocean environment. The purpose of the research is to: (a) Determine the abundance, distribution, growth and condition of juvenile Columbia River