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Willie E. May,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number 141021884-4884-01]

Proposed Withdrawal of Six Federal Information Processing Standards

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) proposes to withdraw six (6) Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) from the FIPS series. The standards proposed for withdrawal are: FIPS 181, FIPS 185, FIPS 188, FIPS 190, FIPS 191 and FIPS 196.

These FIPS are obsolete because they have not been updated to reference current or revised voluntary industry standards. They also are not updated to reflect the changes and modifications that have been made by the organizations that develop and maintain the specifications and data representations. In addition, FIPS 188 adopts specifications and data standards that are developed and maintained by other Federal government agencies and by voluntary industry standards organizations.

Prior to the submission of this proposed withdrawal of FIPS to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval, NIST invites comments from the public, users, the information technology industry, and Federal, State and local governments and government organizations concerning the withdrawal of the FIPS.

DATES: Comments on the proposed withdrawal of the FIPS must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the withdrawal of the FIPS should be sent to Information Technology Laboratory, ATTN: Proposed Withdrawal of 6 FIPS, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930.

Electronic comments should be sent to: fipswithdrawal@nist.gov.

Information about the FIPS is available on the NIST Web pages <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsFIPS.html>.

Comments received in response to this notice will be published electronically at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsFIPS.html> without change or redaction, so commenters should not include information they do not wish to be posted (e.g., personal or confidential business information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Diane Honeycutt, telephone (301) 975-8443, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930 or via email at dhoneycutt@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications are proposed for withdrawal from the FIPS series: FIPS 181, Automated Password Generator, FIPS 185, Escrowed Encryption Standard, FIPS 188, Standard Security Label for Information Transfer, FIPS 190, Guideline for the Use of Advanced Authentication Technology Alternatives, FIPS 191, Guideline for the Analysis of Local Area Network Security, and FIPS 196, Entity Authentication using Public Key Cryptography.

These FIPS are being proposed for withdrawal because they are obsolete or have not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards, federal specifications, or federal data standards. Federal agencies are responsible for using current voluntary industry

standards and current federal specifications and data standards in their acquisition and management activities.

The Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Division E of Pub. L. 104-106) and Executive Order 13011 emphasize agency management of information technology and Government-wide interagency support activities to improve productivity, security, interoperability, and coordination of Government resources. Under the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-113) Federal agencies and departments are directed to use technical standards that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies, using such technical standards as a means to carry out policy objectives or activities determined by the agencies and departments. Voluntary industry standards are the preferred source of standards to be used by the Federal government. The use of voluntary industry standards eliminates the cost to the government of developing its own standards, and furthers the policy of reliance upon the private sector to supply goods and services to the government.

FIPS 181, FIPS 190 and FIPS 196 are Federal standards on electronic authentication technologies. NIST proposes withdrawing these standards because they reference withdrawn cryptographic standards and newer guidance has been developed based on modern technologies.

FIPS 191 is being withdrawn because new technologies, techniques and threats to computer networks have made the standard obsolete.

FIPS 185 is being withdrawn because it references a cryptographic algorithm that is no longer approved for U.S. government use. FIPS 185, Escrowed Encryption Standard, specifies use of a symmetric-key encryption (and decryption) algorithm (SKIPJACK) and a Law Enforcement Access Field (LEAF) creation method which was intended to support lawfully authorized electronic surveillance. The SKIPJACK algorithm is no longer approved to protect sensitive government information, and NIST recommends the use of newer techniques for data security based on current algorithms.

NIST proposes the withdrawal of FIPS 188 because it is a Federal data standard that is now maintained, updated and kept current by Federal government agencies other than NIST. Executive Order 13556 "Controlled Unclassified Information" assigns the responsibility for this data standard to the National

Archives and Records Administration, and it is available through their Web pages.

Should the Secretary of Commerce approve the withdrawal of these FIPS, NIST will keep references to the withdrawn FIPS on its FIPS Web pages and will link to current versions of these standards and specifications where appropriate.

Withdrawal means that these FIPS would no longer be part of a subscription service that is provided by the National Technical Information Service and federal agencies will no longer be required to comply with these FIPS. NIST will continue to provide relevant information on standards and guidelines by means of electronic dissemination methods.

Comments received in response to this notice will be published electronically at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsFIPS.html> without change or redaction, so commenters should not include information they do not wish to be posted (e.g., personal or confidential business information).

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–106), and the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–347).

Dated: January 6, 2015.

Richard Cavanagh,
Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: There will be a joint meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison Street, South Room, Seattle, WA.

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/IPHC agenda:

1. Introductions/opening comments
2. Brief history of NPFMC/IPHC/NMFS interactions
3. Brief description of respective management authorities and applicable laws
4. Current data/information collection issues relative to stock assessment and management; Reconciling bycatch estimates for use in stock assessment and Catch Limit Fishing Mortality Rate (FCEY) determinations; Improving estimates of discard mortalities and discard mortality rates (DMRs(\)) in the directed halibut and other fisheries
5. Discussion of current management measures and issues of mutual interest; IPHC Total mortality accounting framework and Scientific Statistical Committee (SSC) review; Council BSAI halibut Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) reduction package and SSC review; Abundance-based PSC limits (background discussion being drafted by NPFMC/IPHC)
6. Identify areas of mutual interest in research and facilitation of management
7. Public comment
8. Council/IPHC discussion of all agenda items

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org>. Background documents, reports, and analyses for review are posted on the Council Web site in advance of the meeting.

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.

Dated: January 13, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XD716

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold a meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The HMSMT will meet Wednesday, February 4 to Friday, February 6, 2015. This meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue until business is concluded on each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the following location: Best Western Plus Inn by the Sea, Wind and Sea Room, 7830 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037.

Council address: Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HMSMT will discuss assignments and develop reports for HMS topics to be taken up at Pacific Council meetings in 2015. Topics on the March 2015 Council agenda that the HMSMT will focus on include: (1) Developing a Drift Gillnet Management and Monitoring Plan purpose and need statement and contents; (2) analyzing the range of alternatives adopted by the Council in November 2014 for bycatch reduction and monitoring for the California drift gillnet fishery; and (3) reviewing and making recommendations on exempted fishing permit proposals. The HMSMT will also discuss the planned management strategy evaluation for North Pacific albacore tuna to be conducted by the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean and potential Council advice to the U.S. delegation. Time-permitting, the HMSMT may discuss initial planning for topics on future Council meetings including the authorization of a shallow-set longline fishery outside the west coast Exclusive Economic Zone and creating a Federal limited entry permit for the California drift gillnet fishery.