

SUMMARY: A prior notice in the **Federal Register** announced the Fishing Capacity Reduction Demonstration Program (FCRDP) that provides \$2 million for a pilot test approach for permanently reducing the fishing capacity in the Northeast multispecies groundfish fishery. NMFS adds sinking as a method of disposal for fishing vessels under the FCRDP. NMFS also extends the closing date by 2 weeks for submission or resubmission of applications to give applicants time to consider this alternative.

DATES: Effective August 30, 1995. Applications must be postmarked by September 19, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to the Northeast Financial Services Branch, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Morehead, (301) 713-2358 or Leo Erwin, (508) 281-9203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The FCRDP was described in an earlier notice: Notice of program for financial assistance (60 FR 32504, June 22, 1995).

Changes to the Program

In the previous notice, successful applicants were required to scrap their vessels as a condition of receiving funding under the FCRDP. Supervised sinking will be considered as an acceptable method of vessel disposal. The closing date for submission or resubmission of applications is extended for 2 weeks to allow applicants time to consider this alternative method of vessel disposition.

Alternative to Scrapping

The previous notice described scrapping of vessels as a required part of the consideration from vessel owners to qualify to receive payment under the FCRDP. Scrapping is one way to remove the vessel from the fishery. A second alternative, voluntary sinking, also exists and is an acceptable alternative under this notice. Voluntary sinking must be conducted within the confines and in compliance with all applicable Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations. Approval from Federal, state, and local authorities, as applicable, is required.

Classification

Applications under this program are subject to E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

This notice involves a collection of information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The collection of this information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB control number 0648-0289).

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 713c-3(d).

Dated: August 28, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's Groundfish Management Team will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 12 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and going into the evening until business for the day is completed, on September 13 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on September 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the draft stock assessments, prepare the annual stock assessment and fishery evaluation document, and complete assignments arising from the August 15-18, 1995 Council meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Amanda Bennett at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Group, formed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council as a forum for Pacific Northwest participants in the Alaska crab fisheries to review and comment on crab issues, will meet.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 25, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Ranier Room of the Radisson Hotel, 17001 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 103136, Anchorage, AK 99510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arni Thomson, Alaska Crab Coalition, 3901 Leary Way NW., Suite 6, Seattle, WA, 98107; telephone: (206) 547-7560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meeting will include the following subjects:

1. Consultation with staffs of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and NMFS on Alaska crab fishery issues.

2. Review of the status of Alaska crab stocks.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

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