

Highway South, Seattle, WA. The Council will meet at the Radisson Hotel, adjacent to the Quality Inn.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: 907-271-2809.

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

1. Oath of office to new Council appointees and election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.
2. Reports on domestic fisheries by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and NMFS, enforcement reports from NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard, report on international fishery issues, and a report on the status of Steller sea lions.
3. Status report on the Sablefish and Halibut Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program and review of several proposed changes to the plan.
4. Observer Oversight Committee report and review of observer program fee concerns, including staff report on proposals to address Council concerns.
5. Review of discussion papers on full utilization, improved retention and harvest priority, individual bycatch quotas, and rock sole seasonal apportionment.
6. Review of the License Limitation System to clarify issues and report on the status of proposed regulations, review of a work plan for a Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) pollock IFQ system, and report on the status of the moratorium on groundfish and crab fisheries.
7. Review of Council operations, including annual cycle for amendment proposals.
8. Review of pollock Community Development Quota (CDQ) applications for 1996-98, receipt of a status report from the State of Alaska on adding Akutan to the CDQ eligibility list, and consider establishing a CDQ Implementation Committee.
9. Review of status of stocks for crab fisheries and set time for a joint meeting of the Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries.
10. Status report on Amendment 1 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan; possible emergency action to open federal waters in early 1996.
11. Review and approval of initial Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) stock assessment and fishery evaluation reports for 1996, and approval of initial 1996 groundfish and bycatch specifications for public review, including vessel incentive program rate

standards and discard mortality rates for halibut.

12. Initial review of amendments for grid sorting of halibut; revisions to the Pacific ocean perch rebuilding plan, overfishing definitions and crab protection closure areas; a forage fish amendment, rock sole seasonal apportionments, and inseason flexibility to move crab prohibited species catch between BSAI Zones 1 and 2; and reauthorization of BSAI cod allocation by gear type.

13. Review of proposals received for amendments to the groundfish fishery management plans. Other groundfish issues to be discussed, time permitting, include: A report on a trawl mesh experiment, a NMFS report on frameworking inseason micro-management measures, and review of a draft proposed rule to require scale weight measurements of catch in the pollock fishery.

#### **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 30, 1995.

**Richard H. Schaefer,**

*Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, 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 Northern Habitat Panel will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Natural Resource Building, 1111 Washington Street, SE, Room 571, Olympia, WA.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Coon, Fishery Management Coordinator (Salmon); telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and act on regional habitat issues which merit consideration at this time.

#### **Special Accommodations**

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Dated: August 30, 1995.

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#### **Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of scientific research permit no. 974 (P368F).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mr. James Harvey, Assistant Professor, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing, CA 95039, has been issued a permit to take harbor seals for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Barone (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 21, 1995, notice was published in the **Federal Register** that an application had been filed by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).