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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Council was established in December 1993 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Friday, April 26, 1996, from 10:00 until 3:00. The meeting will be held at the Montaro Point Lighthouse, Highway #1, Montaro, California.

**AGENDA:** General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine

Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager, reports from the working groups, a discussion of Sanctuary management options, a report on the elephant seal population at Piedras Blancas, and a discussion of kelp harvesting in the Sanctuary.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

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#### West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Northwest Emergency Assistance Plan (NEAP)

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On August 2, 1995, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) declared that a fishery resource disaster still persists in the Pacific States of California (north of San Francisco), Oregon, and Washington (excluding Puget Sound). Pursuant to this declaration, the Secretary has provided an additional \$13 million in assistance to the affected fishermen in the Pacific Northwest. The additional funds will be used to continue funding the Northwest Emergency Assistance Plan (NEAP). The purpose of this action is to notify the public of new aspects of the NEAP and to solicit comments on proposed changes to the NEAP.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by May 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Stephen P. Freese, Northwest Emergency Assistance Plan, Trade and Industry Services Division, Northwest Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, BIN C15700, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Freese, (206) 526-6113.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background

On May 26, 1994, the Secretary declared a fishery resource disaster, and authorized the expenditure of \$12 million in financial assistance for the NEAP, under the authority of section 308(d) of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act (IFA); (16 U.S.C. 1407(d)). Pursuant to the Secretary's declaration, NMFS established three NEAP programs: (1) A habitat restoration jobs program (\$6 million), administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS); (2) a salmon fishing license buy out program (\$4 million), which has been completed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW); and (3) a data collection jobs program (\$2 million), administered by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). These programs provided financial assistance to the fishermen who suffered losses due to the fishery resource disaster that arose from factors that included drought, flooding, minimal snowpack, and an extreme El Niño ocean warming event.

On August 2, 1995, the Secretary declared that the fishery resource disaster continued in 1995 for the salmon fisheries of the Pacific States of California (north of San Francisco), Oregon, and Washington, excluding Puget Sound. In extending the disaster and determining its impacts, the Secretary considered the magnitude of the disaster in economic and social terms, in addition to the various natural factors causing the fishery resource disaster. Salmon stocks along the West Coast remain extremely depressed, and the fishery disaster has caused high levels of economic damage and social disruption. Therefore, NMFS will continue the NEAP to encompass the disaster period that extends from January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1995, and will continue to provide funding pursuant to the Federal Register notice that established the NEAP, published on October 11, 1994 (59 FR 51419), with subsequent minor amendments published on January 31, 1995, and June 22, 1995 (60 FR 3908, 60 FR 32507). The original NEAP terms and conditions will be in effect until the proposed revisions to the NEAP that are contained in this notice are finalized and implemented.

Of the \$13 million in additional NEAP funding, NMFS will transfer \$4.8 million to USDA/NRCS to continue its role as administrative intermediary for