

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 011999C]

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 Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for Pacific whiting will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The Pacific whiting Stock Assessment Review Panel will meet beginning at 10:00 a.m., February 17, 1999 and continue until 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 1999 or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The Pacific whiting Stock Assessment Review Panel meeting will be held at the Best Western Pacific Inn Resort and Conference Center, Costa Rica Room, 1160 King Georges Highway, White Rock, British Columbia, Canada, V4A 4C2; telephone: (604) 535-1432.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: January 21, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable 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 (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a public meeting in conjunction with a workshop to review new information on groundfish harvest rates.

DATES: The GMT meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 1999 beginning at 1:00 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, and from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, February 24. At 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, the workshop on groundfish harvest policies will convene. The workshop will continue on Thursday, February 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday, February 26, from 8:00 a.m. to noon or as necessary.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Meeting Room #9, 2030 S. Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR; telephone: (541) 867-0249.

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 purpose of the GMT meeting is to develop a work plan for 1999 and to prepare technical advice and reports to support Council decisions throughout the year. Specific agenda items will include: (1) appoint representatives to track assessments in the stock assessment review process; (2) prepare a work plan for 1999 GMT activities; (3) review methodology for developing inseason catch projections and potential

open access trip limit adjustments; (4) evaluate data and analysis requirements related to lingcod and rockfish allocation and management; (5) review program cost estimates for an observer program; (6) review new information related to the status of the Pacific whiting stock and develop an acceptable biological catch/optimum yield recommendation; and (7) discuss the review of harvest policies.

Starting on Wednesday, February 24, 1999, the GMT and other participants at the harvest policy workshop will hear recent information regarding appropriate harvest rates for various groundfish species. Some investigations indicate current harvest policies (F₃₅% and F₄₀%) may not adequately protect stocks and may not produce the maximum sustainable yield. This workshop will primarily be a presentation of new information and analysis. A follow-up workshop will be held in March 1999, after which the GMT will prepare specific recommendations and a final report to the Council on appropriate harvest rates.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Team for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

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Dated: January 21, 1999.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 3, 1999.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: