

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

[I.D. 111004G]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee will meet to develop summary comments and recommendations regarding the NOAA proposed rule for implementing the BSAI Crab Rationalization Program, Amendments 18 and 19 to the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea Aleutian King and Tanner Crabs.

DATES: November 29, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA 98107 (at the Leif Erickson Hall in Ballard).

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, Council staff, phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

The purpose of the meeting is to develop summary comments and recommendations regarding the NOAA proposed rule for implementing the BSAI Crab Rationalization Program, Amendments 18 and 19 to the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea Aleutian King and Tanner Crabs.

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 seven working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 10, 2004.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 111204A]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Ad Hoc Groundfish Habitat Technical Review Committee.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Habitat Technical Review Committee will hold a working meeting on December 7-8, 2004. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Ad Hoc Groundfish Habitat Technical Review Committee working meeting will begin Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 10 a.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8-4 p.m., Wednesday, December 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at the following address: Hotel Vintage Plaza, Burgundy Room, 422 SW Broadway Avenue, Portland, OR 97205, telephone 800-243-0555.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR, 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher Dahl, National Environmental Policy Analyst, 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Ad Hoc Groundfish Habitat Technical Review Committee meeting is to provide a technical review of the range of alternatives in a preliminary draft Environmental Impact Statement to designate and conserve Essential Fish Habitat for Pacific Coast groundfish. By holding a public meeting, the committee will provide opportunity for public participation in the review process. The committee will only consider technical and scientific questions and will not engage in policy discussions as part of its mission.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication

of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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

[I.D. 110904I]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for a permit to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to issue an EFP that would allow three vessels to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP would allow for