

Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs).

DATES: The meeting will be on October 12, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel Tampa, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33609, telephone 813.289.8200.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.348.1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a joint meeting of the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs) to review draft Amendment 26 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) that contains alternatives to establish an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program for the commercial red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico that has been declared to be overfished and undergoing overfishing. The IFQ program is being considered to address existing and emerging problems resulting from overcapitalization in this fishery while it recovers. Actions being considered as part of the IFQ program include: its duration, eligibility for shares, initial allocation of shares, potential caps and/or restrictions on shares, and transferability of shares. Other actions being considered include: whether or not shares must be used; how adjustments to the commercial quota will affect allocations and shares; the possible requirement of vessel monitoring systems (VMS) on participating vessels; and a cost recovery plan. The SSCs will review this amendment and provide recommendations for the Council's Reef Fish Management Committee to review at their November 14 – 17, 2005 meeting.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SSCs for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (M-SFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SSCs will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the

agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 16, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Non-Target Species Committee will meet.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Two video conference locations have been reserved:

1. 709 W. 9th, Room 401, Federal Building, Juneau, AK, and
2. Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Room 2143, Building 4, Seattle, WA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will meet to review revised draft Rockfish paper.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically

identified 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

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 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 7, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Joint Salmon Technical Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee Salmon Subcommittee Work Session to Review Proposed Salmon Methodology Changes

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Salmon Subcommittee (SSC) will hold a joint work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be held Wednesday, October 12, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m..

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Columbian Room, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220. Telephone: 503-281-2500

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon, 97220-1384, 503-820-2280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the work session is to brief

the STT and SSC on proposed changes to methods used to manage ocean salmon fisheries, and to review documentation of the Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM).

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the STT and the SSC subcommittee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These 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 five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 16, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091605B]

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 working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT meeting will be held Tuesday, October 11, 2005, from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene Wednesday, October 12 through Friday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will be held at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Western Regional Center's Sand Point Facility,

Northwest Region Office, Building 1, Northwest Region Conference Room, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, (206) 526-6150.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT meeting is to discuss groundfish management measures in place for the fall and winter months and consider inseason adjustments to ongoing West Coast groundfish fisheries; review new groundfish stock assessments and rebuilding analyses for depleted groundfish species; develop a range of recommended 2007-2008 harvest specifications for groundfish stocks and stock complexes; develop a recommended range of preliminary management measures for 2007-2008 groundfish fisheries; discuss and recommend implementation strategies and draft amendatory language for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 18; discuss and recommend draft amendatory language for FMP Amendment 19 (specifying measures to protect West Coast groundfish essential fish habitat); discuss and recommend regulations for protecting West Coast groundfish essential fish habitat; discuss and consider recommendations for 2006 management measures for spiny dogfish and Pacific cod; discuss and consider recommendations for 2006 exempted fishing permit applications; discuss and consider recommendations for a final preferred alternative for expanding the groundfish vessel monitoring system; and address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. The GMT's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by the Council at its November meeting in San Diego, California.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of

the GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 five days prior to the meeting date.

Entry to the NOAA Western Regional Center's Sand Point Facility requires visitors to show a valid picture ID and register with security. A visitor's badge, which must be worn while at the NOAA Western Regional Center's Facility, will be issued to non-Federal employees participating in the meeting.

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Emily Menashes,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Crustaceans Plan Team (CPT) meeting in Honolulu, HI. (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific times, dates, and agenda items).

ADDRESSES: The CPT meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

DATES: The meeting of the CPT will be held on October 4, 2005, from 1 - 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808)522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CPT will meet on October 4, 2005 to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Introductions
2. Review of Last Plan Team Meeting and Recommendations
3. Main Hawaiian Island Lobster Resource Assessment
4. Northwestern Hawaiian Island Spiny Lobster Population Assessment
5. Update on Lobster Research Activities