

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

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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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team Klamath Subcommittee (STTKS) will hold a meeting with members of the Yurok and Hoopa Tribes and additional agency personnel from the National Marine Fisheries Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Game to initiate planning and assignments for developing an overfishing assessment for Klamath River fall Chinook (KRFC). This meeting of the STTKS is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held October 18 and 19, 2007. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., Thursday, October 18, and continue until 3 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the California Department of Fish and Game office, 50 Ericson Ct., Arcata, CA 95521; telephone: (707) 822-5119.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to further develop a report to assess the cause of KRFC failing to meet the 35,000 adult spawner conservation objective, and the implication to the long-term productivity of the stock of not meeting that objective, for three consecutive years.

When a salmon stock managed by the Council fails to meet its conservation objective for three consecutive years an overfishing concern is triggered according to the terms of the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan (Salmon Plan). The Salmon Plan requires the Council to direct its Salmon Technical Team to work with relevant agency and tribal personnel to undertake a review of the status of the stock in question and determine if excessive harvest was responsible for the shortfall, if other factors were involved, and the significance of the stock depression

with regard to achieving maximum sustainable yield.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STTKS for discussion, 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 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**

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 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 20, 2007.

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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 meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 139th meeting to consider and take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The 139th Council meeting and public hearings will be held on October 9 - 12, 2007. For specific times and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The 139th Council meeting and public hearings will be held at the Pagoda Hotel, 1525 Rycroft Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96814; telephone: 808-941-6611.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Council will hear recommendations

from other Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Council will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Schedule and Agenda for Council Standing Committee Meetings**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2007**

**Standing Committees**

1. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Executive and Budget Standing Committee
  2. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Pelagics Ecosystem and International Fisheries Standing Committee
  3. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) Ecosystem Standing Committee
  4. 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Marianas Archipelago Ecosystem Standing Committee
  5. 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; American Samoa Archipelago Ecosystem Standing Committee
  6. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Fishery Rights of Indigenous People Standing Committee
  7. 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Program Planning Standing Committee
- The agenda during the full Council meeting will include the items listed here.

**Schedule and Agenda for Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of 138th Meeting Minutes
4. Agency Reports
  - A. NMFS
    1. Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO)
    2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC)
    - B. NOAA General Counsel
    - C. United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
    - D. Enforcement
      1. United States Coast Guard (USCG)
      2. NOAA Office for Law Enforcement (OLE)
    3. Status of Violations
    5. Action Items
      - A. Pelagics Ecosystem Action Items
        1. Hawaii Swordfish Fishery Effort Options
        2. Pelagics Total Allowable Catch (TAC) Amendment
        3. Mariana Longline and Purse-Seine Closed Area Options
        4. Non-Longline Pelagic Fishery Management Options