

data request to the state of California for permit or license-holder information. Using this information, NMFS will mail MMAP Authorization Certificates, marine mammal injury/mortality reporting forms, and other program information to each permit or license-holder. Fishermen who participate in an integrated Category I or II state fishery do not need to take any additional action to register under the MMAP, as long as they hold a valid state fishing permit or license for the affected fishery. However, fishermen who participate in Category I or II state and/or Federal fisheries not yet integrated with the MMAP registration system (i.e., fisheries for which no Federal or state permits are required) must contact the NMFS, Southwest Regional Office, Sustainable Fisheries Division (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), in order to register and receive an MMAP Authorization Certificate. If a fisherman participating in a Category I or II fishery, who expects to receive automatic registration, does not receive an Authorization Certificate by January 1 of each calendar year hereafter, the fisherman should contact NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to inquire about the status of his/her registration. Alternatively, he/she may apply for registration directly, following the procedures in 50 CFR 229.4(b). In any case, every fisherman fishing in a Category I or II fishery must have an Authorization Certificate.

NMFS will work with the permit-issuing agencies in each state to identify and attempt to limit mailing of Authorization Certificates to only those participants in Category I and II fisheries. Some permit systems, however, do not allow identification of fishermen using specific gear types in a way that matches the fishery designation referenced in the LOF. In cases where NMFS or the state permit-issuing agency cannot confidently determine which specific fishery identified in the LOF each fisherman participates in, based on the permit or license information, NMFS may inadvertently issue Authorization Certificates to fishermen participating in Category III fisheries. This approach, which may be confusing to Category III fishermen who are not required to be registered under the MMAP, is necessary to ensure that fishermen who must register with the MMAP are not unintentionally excluded from notification.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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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 Crab Plan Team (CPT) will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 16-18, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg 4, Observer Room, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Plan Team will address the following issues: Overview of Crab Rationalization program; discussion of Economic Data review issues; summary of 3-year review documentation for Crab Rationalization Program; Structure and content for Economic Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation Report (SAFE); NMFS 2008 summer trawl survey overview; NMFS catch accounting data; handling mortality rates utilized for Crab, Groundfish, and Scallop fisheries; Stock assessment overviews for Eastern Bering Sea snow crab, Bristol Bay red king crab, Eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab, St. Mathew Blue king crab, Norton Sound red king crab, Aleutian Island golden king crab, Pribilof Island red and golden king crab; Adak red king crab.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions

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 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: August 25, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) groundfish plan teams will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meetings will be held September 22-24, 2008. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 22, and continue through Wednesday, September 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Observer Training Room (GOA Plan Team) and Traynor Room (BS/AI Plan Team), 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 or Diana Stram, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda: Principal business is to prepare and review the draft Economic Report, the