

3. April 4, 1995, 7 p.m., Little Washington, Department of Environmental, Health and Natural Resources, 1424 Carolina Avenue, Washington, NC; and

4. April 5, 1995, 5 p.m., Grand Hotel, Oceanfront and Philadelphia Avenue, Cape May, NJ.

Atlantic sea scallop stocks are over-exploited and at low levels of abundance. Amendment 4 to the FMP was implemented on March 1, 1994 (59 FR 12, January 19, 1994), and was intended to eliminate overfishing through an incremental effort reduction program, gear modifications such as ring and mesh size increases, and other measures. It was also expected that the number of limited access vessels would remain stable for the duration of the 7-year schedule.

Amendment 4 to the FMP states that vessels with a DAS allocation of 150 days per year will yield revenues that are insufficient, on average, to cover the fixed costs for vessels larger than 50 gross registered tons. A DAS allocation of 150 days is projected for year 4 or 5 of the 7-year schedule, depending on the initial fishing mortality rate. The amendment further states that if recruitment falls to what is considered to be average or below average levels, many vessel operations will become uneconomic, regardless of the management in place at that time. During 1994, the first year of effort reduction under Amendment 4, recruitment has been below average. The result has been a request by scallop advisors to redistribute DAS among the remaining vessels. The amendment will not do this until the pause in DAS reductions, which is scheduled for the third year. The consolidation of DAS is expected to allow the remaining vessels to remain economically viable.

The Council's Scallop Industry Advisory Committee believes that consolidation is needed as soon as possible to minimize financial failures caused by present and future reductions in DAS and poor scallop stock conditions.

The Council is in the process of identifying management alternatives to achieve these goals. The current range of options includes, but is not limited to, a private program to buy back vessels, a government buy-back program, limits on total allowable catch with individual transferrable quotas, transferrable DAS, a use-it-or-lose-it provision under which vessels that do not use their DAS or quota allocation will lose their scallop permits, and a prohibition on shellstocking.

The Council expects that proposed regulations implementing the

recommendations of the industry advisors may have significant economic and social effects. The Council recognizes that these effects will extend beyond the individuals, families and communities that principally depend on scallops to other fisheries in the region, due to the displacement of fishing effort caused by the scallop regulations. This displacement could also potentially affect the status of these other fishery stocks. For this reason the Council has determined that it will hold scoping meetings to determine whether or not an SEIS is appropriate.

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

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#### **North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The industry implementation team for the Sablefish and Halibut Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program will hold a meeting, on April 5-6, 1995, at the NMFS Regional office, 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, AK.

The agenda for the meeting will include the following subjects:

1. Amount of IFQ fish that can be retained onboard in a particular area,
2. Clarification of "prelanding written clearance" and "preclearance reports" requirements,
3. Coordination of the IFQ Program and Research Plan,
4. Vessel and use caps,
5. Certified mail requirement,
6. Sub-leasing of quota shares or IFQs,
7. Shipping report problems,
8. Clarification that vessel caps do not include Community Development Quota allocations,
9. Transshipment reports, and
10. Overage provision.

The Implementation Team will provide a written report of the meeting to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council at its meeting the week of April 17, 1995, in Anchorage.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane DiCosimo, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 103136, Anchorage, AK 99510; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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#### **Pacific Fishery Management Council; Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold meetings, April 3-7, 1995, at the Red Lion Hotel Columbia River, Portland, OR; telephone: (503) 283-2111.

#### **Council Meetings**

On April 4, the Council will meet in a closed session (not open to the public) to discuss personnel matters and litigation from 8:00-8:30 a.m. The open session will begin at 8:30 a.m. on April 4, and each day thereafter at 8:00 a.m., and may continue into the evening hours, if necessary, to complete business.

The following items are included on the Council's agenda:

##### **A. Call To Order**

1. Opening remarks, introductions, roll call; and
2. Approval of proposed agenda.

##### **B. Salmon Management**

1. Tentative adoption of 1995 ocean salmon management measures for Salmon Technical Team analysis;
2. Methodology reviews;
3. Clarification of tentative 1995 measures, if necessary;
4. Update of Council salmon management cycle; and
5. Final action on 1995 measures, including specification of a halibut to chinook ratio in the 1995 troll fishery.

##### **C. Habitat Issues**

Consider recommendation of the habitat steering group.

**D. Groundfish Management**

1. Status of Federal regulations implementing Council actions;
2. 1995 harvest guideline for sablefish;
3. Status of fisheries and inseason trip limit adjustments;
4. Rockfish sport bag limit off Washington;
5. Oregon data collection activities;
6. Review of surveys and assessments for Dover sole, thornyheads and sablefish;
7. Plans for NMFS groundfish research in Newport, OR;
8. Review of overfishing definition;
9. Review of groundfish management cycle; and
10. Groundfish management team reports on new issues.

**E. Administrative Matters and Other Matters**

1. Budget Committee report;
2. Status of legislation;
3. June meeting agenda;
4. Operating procedures;
5. Shark baiting in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary;
6. Management of the Dungeness crab fishery; and
7. Summary of research indicating reduced zooplankton productivity off California.

**Other Meetings**

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet on April 3, at 9:00 a.m., and April 4, at 8:00 a.m., to address scientific issues on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Technical Team will meet, as necessary (irregular hours), throughout the week, April 3-7, to prepare impact analyses of the proposed salmon management measures for 1995.

The Groundfish Management Team will meet on April 3, at 8:00 a.m., to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will meet on April 3, at 1:00 p.m., on April 4, at 8:00 a.m., and on April 5 (if necessary) at 7:00 a.m., to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will meet on April 3, at 9:00 a.m., and at 8:00 a.m. each day thereafter through April 7, to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Habitat Steering Group will meet on April 3, at 10:00 a.m., to consider activities affecting the habitat of fish stocks managed by the Council.

The Committee on Council Procedures will meet on April 3, at 1:00 p.m., to recommend revisions to the Council's operating procedures.

The Budget Committee will meet on April 3, at 3:00 p.m., to review the status of the fiscal year 1995 Council budget and discuss funding priorities for fiscal year 1996.

The Observer/Data Collection Program Steering Committee will meet on April 3, at 7:00 p.m., to review proposed Oregon State data collection program and related issues.

The Enforcement Consultants will meet on April 4, at 7:00 p.m., to address enforcement issues related to Council agenda items.

The Groundfish Permit Review Board will meet on April 7, at 8:00 a.m., for orientation of new members and to hear appeals. The hearing on appeals will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Detailed agendas for the above advisory meetings will be available from the Council after March 23, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW. Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Michelle Perry Sailer at (503) 326-6352, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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**Marine Mammals**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for a public display permit (P585).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mr. Emil Popescu, 1829 La Vante Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89109, has applied in due form for a public display permit.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 21, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West

Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4015).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, copies of this application are being forwarded to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested to import three captive Patagonian sea lions (*Otaria byronia*), under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The animals are to be held by Mr. Popescu (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service License No. 88-C-112) at the Bonnie Springs Ranch Zoo, Old Nevada, NV 89004 (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service License No. 88-C-013). The Bonnie Springs Ranch Zoo is open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis without admission charge. Mr. Popescu will offer an educational program that is based on the standards of both the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums. The display program for the animals will be conducted primarily at the Bonnie Springs Ranch Zoo, but a display will also take place in the Riviera Hotel.

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*Acting Chief, Division of Permits & Documentation, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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