

4. 1996 NWHI lobster quota;
5. Federal-State trap mesh size;
6. Concerns from the region (American Samoa, Guam/Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii);
7. Crustaceans Fishery Management Plan Milestones (1997-1999);
8. Lobster research;
9. Vessel Monitoring System evaluation; and
10. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 27 and 28, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Executive Center, 1088 Bishop St., Room 4003, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 539-3000.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. 1995 annual report (including recommendations from American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii and region-wide; improvement and standardization of models);
2. Status of Department of Land and Natural Resources progress with

management plan for overfished Main Hawaiian Island onaga and ehu;

3. Reconsideration of Northwestern Hawaiian Islands management system (including biological and economic reviews);

4. Bottomfish Fishery Management Plan Milestones (1997-1999); and

5. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Pelagics Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 20-21, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Executive Center, 1088 Bishop St., Room 4003, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 539-3000.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. 1995 annual report (including recommendations from American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii and region-wide; improvements to modules);
2. Pelagics Fishery Management Plan Milestones (1997-1999);

3. Status of Small Boat Pelagic Fisheries Working Group recommendations;

4. Explanation of 1994 decline in Hawaii swordfish landings;

5. Longline observer program: sampling design and 1-year data;

6. Longline bycatch issues (turtles, albatross, sharks);

7. Status of Pelagic Fisheries Research Program;

8. Swordfish research plans; and

10. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permits 984 and 986.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued Permit 984 to Drs. Mary Moser and Steve Ross of the University of North Carolina (P423B), and Permit 986 to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Both permits authorize the take of listed shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The applications, permits, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); or
Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on December 4, 1995 (60 FR 62075) that an application had been filed by Drs. Mary Moser and Steve W. Ross of the Center for Marine Science