

lions. This 1996 EA is a supplement to, and augments, an EA prepared in 1995 that examined non-lethal alternatives to lethal removal. The EA also provides additional information and results of actions taken to protect and enhance the winter steelhead population in 1995.

NMFS has evaluated the environmental consequences of the proposed action and has concluded that it is unlikely to result in any significant impacts on the human environment and therefore has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with NEPA and implementing regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 and NOAA guidelines concerning implementation of NEPA found in the NOAA Administrative Order 216-6.

Additional information on steelhead enhancement and management measures being taken by the State of Washington, or a copy of the EA and FONSI is available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: March 13, 1996.

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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 meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet the week of April 15, 1996, in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Panel (AP) and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin on April 15, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. The SSC will conclude their meeting on April 17, and the AP will conclude their meeting by April 18. The Council will

begin their meeting on April 17, at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude on April 22, 1996. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be held on short notice during the week; notices will be posted at the meeting site. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council executive sessions to discuss personnel, international issues, and litigation. An executive session is tentatively scheduled for 12:00 noon on April 18.

The agenda for the meeting will include the following subjects:

1. Reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service and Alaska Department of Fish and Game on the current status of the fisheries off Alaska, reports on enforcement and international fisheries, and a status report on the reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

2. Initial review of Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Pacific cod gear allocations, and a report on a ban on night trawling.

3. Reports on crab bycatch issues and initial review of an analysis on crab caps and closures in Bristol Bay.

4. Final action on a third party, pay-as-you-go observer program and review of a Request for Proposals for the third party entity.

5. Final review of an amendment to the sablefish and halibut individual fishery quota (IFQ) program which would increase "sweep-up" levels for blocked shares. Other IFQ issues on the agenda include initial review of two other amendments to the program - an increase in the Bering Sea halibut ownership cap, and permitting the use of longline pots for sablefish in the Bering Sea. The IFQ Research Team will give a preliminary report on the 1995 sablefish and halibut IFQ program.

6. Progress report on measures to improve retention and utilization in the groundfish fisheries off Alaska.

7. Review of the Proposed Rule for the groundfish and crab license limitation program, if available.

8. Review consolidated regulations for groundfish and crab and a Proposed Rule to repeal the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

9. Under groundfish management, the following subjects will be discussed:

(a) Final review of an amendment to delay the opening of the BSAI pollock "B" season;

(b) Initial review of an amendment to overfishing definitions in the groundfish FMPs;

(c) Definition of alternatives for a license limitation program for demersal shelf rockfish in the Gulf of Alaska; and

(d) Review of a request for an experimental fishing permit.

Special Accommodations

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.

Dated: March 19, 1996.

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held April 9-12, 1996. It will begin on April 9, at 8 a.m. in a closed session (not open to the public) to discuss litigation. The open session begins at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting will reconvene at 8 a.m. each day April 10 through April 12. The meetings may continue each day into the evening hours if necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA 94080; telephone: (415) 877-8787.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda:

A. Call to Order

B. Salmon Management

1. Tentative Adoption of 1996 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Salmon Technical Team Analysis

2. Clarify Council direction, if necessary

3. National Research Council Report on Pacific Northwest Salmonids