

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to make recommendations for the 1997 management measures (possession limit and quota) for bluefish.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 1, 1996.

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Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will begin on July 15, at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene on July 16 through July 19, at 8 a.m. The meeting will adjourn on Friday at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting is to review the Council's June 1996 instructions to the GMT and prepare reports for the August 1996 Council meeting. The GMT will review several new groundfish stock assessments and prepare initial recommendations for 1997 catch levels; review the rate of groundfish landings through June; review preliminary analyses of the Pacific whiting allocation proposal, a proposal to establish disposition procedures for salmon bycatch in the shore-based whiting fishery, and industry proposals relating to sale of amounts of fish landed in excess of trip limits, restrictions on transfers

(including leases) of limited entry permits, allowing vessels to begin their landing periods mid-month, and data collection.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 1, 1996.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on an application from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at La Grande, OR (ODFW) for a scientific research/enhancement permit has been requested and will take place. The public comment period for the permit application is extended.

DATES: The public hearing is scheduled for July 24, 1996 from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., or until all comments have been heard. The comment period for the permit application is extended through July 29, 1996 to allow concerned parties the opportunity to respond to the testimony presented at the public hearing.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Oregon Department of Transportation Building, Region 5, 3012 Island Avenue, La Grande, Oregon, 97850. The permit application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Send written comments to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on May 20, 1996 (61 FR 25208) that an application had been filed by ODFW (P211J) for a scientific research/enhancement permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227). ODFW requests authorization to collect juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a captive broodstock program for three populations of chinook salmon in the Grande Ronde River Basin. The captive broodstock program has been proposed to forestall the possible extinction of the local populations and to preserve the overall stock structure of Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon. ODFW proposes to collect juveniles for the captive broodstock program annually from tributaries of the Lostine River, Catherine Creek, and the upper Grande Ronde River. ODFW proposes to rear and maintain the ESA-listed fish in hatcheries until mature, spawn the fish, rear and raise the resulting progeny to smolts, and release the offspring in their respective parental streams.

During the public comment period for the permit application, NMFS received the request for a public hearing from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation at Pendleton, OR. The Umatilla Tribes are concerned that the issuance of the permit would be premature because of the experimental nature of captive broodstock programs. They also believe that Rapid River hatchery stock, determined not to be an evolutionarily significant unit by NMFS, should not be omitted from recovery efforts.

Anyone wishing to make a presentation at the public hearing should register upon arrival and be prepared to provide a written copy of their testimony at the time of presentation. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be imposed. All statements and opinions summarized in this notice are those of the applicant and/or concerned parties and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Special Accommodations

The hearing will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Keren Holtz at (503) 230-5424 at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.