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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. *et seq.*

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC), Bycatch Subcommittee, from April 14 to April 15, 1997.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. April 14, 1997, 1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.
2. April 15, 1997, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Falmouth Inn, 824 Main Street, Falmouth, MA. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Operations, Management and Information, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Wheeler, Executive Secretary; telephone: (301) 713-2252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC or MAFAC Subcommittees. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1971, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of this Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and environmental, state, consumer, academic, and other national interests.

Matters To Be Considered

Matters to be considered include Bycatch Subcommittee business only:

April 14, 1997

(1) Briefing on NMFS Bycatch Task Force

(2) Briefing on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Bycatch Initiatives

April 15, 1997

(1) Discussion of Impact of Magnuson-Stevens Act on bycatch considerations within the Fishery Management Plan process.

(2) Briefing and discussion of Take Reduction Team Efforts on Harbor Porpoise and Large Whale TRT efforts.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: March 14, 1997.

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Acting Director, Office of Operation,
Management and Information, National
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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 to discuss various issues.

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

DATES: The Council meeting will be held April 8-11, 1997. Various advisory groups will be meeting on Monday, April 7. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, April 8, at 8 a.m., in a closed session (not open to the public) to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The open session begins at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting reconvenes at 8 a.m., Wednesday through Friday, and will adjourn when Council business has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 401 East Millbrae Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030, (415) 697-8735.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council Agenda

A. Call to Order

B. Salmon Management

1. Tentative Adoption of 1997 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

2. Clarify Council Direction

3. Methodology Reviews for 1997

4. Identification of Stocks Not

Meeting Escapement Goals for 3

Consecutive Years

5. Final Action on 1997 Measures -

Including Halibut Incidental Catch

C. Habitat Issues

Report of Steering Group - Consider Adding Marine Habitat Expertise to Steering Group

D. Groundfish Management

1. Status of Federal Regulations

Implementing Council Actions

2. Status of Fisheries and Inseason

Management Adjustments

3. Revised Stock Assessment Process

4. Review of Harvest Policy

5. Development of Groundfish Fishery

Capacity Reduction Program

6. Scoping for Plan Amendments

7. California Gillnet Regulations in

the Exclusive Economic Zone

8. Status Report on Oregon Observer

Program

9. Report of the Industry Meeting on

Salmon Bycatch Avoidance in the

Whiting Fishery

10. Composition of the Groundfish

Advisory Panel

11. Member, Staff, and Agency Work

Load

E. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of the Budget Committee

2. Status of Legislation

3. Draft Agenda for June 1997

Other Meetings

The Groundfish Management Team will meet on Monday, April 7, at 8 a.m. to discuss final action on Federal gillnet regulations off California, inseason management adjustments, and initiation of the plan amendment process to meet new requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act.

The Salmon Technical Team will convene as necessary Monday, April 7-11, to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on Monday, April 7, at 9 a.m., and Tuesday, April 8, at 8 a.m., to address scientific issues related to Council agenda items.

The Habitat Steering Group will convene on Monday, April 7, at 10 a.m.,