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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Formation of Advisory Panels for National Academy of Sciences Study on Individual Fishing Quotas; Extension of Deadline

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

ACTION: Notice extending deadline for nominations.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS is extending the deadline for sending nominations for two advisory panels for an Individual Fishing Quota study to be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council. The advisory panel formation complies with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996. The deadline for application is being extended to ensure that all interested parties have sufficient time to respond to this notice, and to ensure that NMFS has the widest range of applicants from which to select panel members.

DATES: Interested parties should submit a statement of interest by April 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send statements of interest to the Director of the Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Gautam, (301) 713-2328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Interested parties should refer to the previous **Federal Register** notice on this subject (I.D. 020697A), published February 25, 1997, at 62 FR 8429, for further information about the role of the advisory panels and what to include in a statement of interest. NMFS will announce the selection of advisory

panel members no later than May 1, 1997.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

Rolland A. Schmitten,

Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet in Anchorage, Alaska. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council executive sessions to discuss personnel, international issues, and litigation.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the 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.

DATES: The meetings will be held the week of April 14, 1997. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times of the meetings.

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 Monday, April 14, 1997, at 8:00 a.m. The AP and SSC should conclude their meetings by Thursday, April 17. The Council will begin their plenary session on Tuesday, April 15, at 8:00 a.m., concluding by Saturday, April 19, 1997. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be held on short notice during the week; notices will be posted at the meeting site. An executive session is tentatively scheduled for noon on Friday, April 18, 1997.

The agenda for the meetings will include the following subjects:

1. Reports from NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game on the current status of the fisheries off Alaska, and reports on enforcement.

2. Initial review of seabird avoidance measures for the halibut fisheries, changes to the halibut catch sharing plan for International Pacific Halibut Commission Area 4 and subsistence halibut regulations.

3. Review and consider release for public review of analysis for halibut charterboat management.

4. Initial review of proposed amendments to the halibut and sablefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) program. Status reports on the fee and loan programs and central title registry for the IFQ and Community Development Quota programs, and national IFQ panels. Status report on weighmaster requirements for the IFQ fisheries.

5. Review and final action on regulations for halibut donations to food banks.

6. Review committee recommendations on vessel bycatch allowance measures; task staff with further development.

7. Approve analysis of Gulf of Alaska improved retention and utilization alternatives for public review.

8. Begin development of alternatives for analysis to replace current inshore/offshore regulations.

9. Review draft regulations for Council member recusal.

10. Groundfish issues to be addressed include the following:

(a) Discussion papers on rockfish directed fishing standards for the Gulf of Alaska and rolling closures to protect survey sites in the Gulf of Alaska;

(b) Final action on amendment to prohibit directed fishing on forage fish species;

(c) Initial review of an amendment to allocate 2 percent of the Atka mackerel total allowable catch to the jig fishery in the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands; and

(d) Approve Vessel Incentive Program bycatch standards for the second half of 1997.

11. Review the stock assessment and fishery evaluation report for the scallop fishery and approve catch allocations; review actions by the Board of Fisheries in managing the scallop fishery.

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 21, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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