

Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold its 66th meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 5-7, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the King Kamehameha Hotel, Kailua-Kona, HI; telephone: (808) 329-2911.

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 SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Pelagic fishery issues, including:
 - a. Status of the fishery;
 - b. Pelagic fisheries research;
 - c. Management issues for the western central Pacific Ocean;
 - d. Bycatch/incidental take issues (albatross, turtles, sharks), marine mammal interactions with Hawaii pelagic fisheries; and
 - e. Small pelagic fisheries catch data and the impact of ocean recreation activities on akule and opelu;
2. Lobster management, including:
 - a. Report on 1997 lobster season guidelines, observer program, NMFS

annual research cruise, and mandatory Vessel Monitoring System for data transmission and catch reporting,

b. Regulatory inconsistencies with Main Hawaiian Islands; and

c. Discussion of areas not included in the fishery management plan (Northern Mariana Islands, Palmyra, Johnston, Kingman);

3. Precious Corals management including:

a. Status of the fishery at Makapuu; and

b. Draft amendment for framework process;

4. Report on Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund;

5. Hawaii bottomfish issues, including:

a. Status of the fishery and the State of Hawaii's plan for dealer reporting,

b. Status report on Department of Land and Natural Resources' regulations for overfished Main Hawaiian Islands onaga and ehu fisheries and Federal considerations,

c. Northwestern Hawaiian Islands bottomfish management system including draft amendment for Mau Zone limited entry, Task Force report, and status of new entry into the Hoomalu Zone; and

d. Hawaii Bottomfish Plan Team/Advisory Panel recommendations;

6. Ecosystem and Habitat issues, including:

a. Final region-wide coral reef assessment,

b. Report on progress with draft amendments for Essential Fish Habitat,

c. Bathymetric mapping of Pacific Insular Areas,

d. Summary of recent activities in Hawaii, Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands; and

e. Advisory Panel recommendations;

7. Progress on Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements, including draft amendments to fisheries management plans regarding:

a. Essential Fish Habitat,

b. Bycatch;

c. Overfishing;

d. Fishing sectors; and

e. Fishing communities; and

8. Other business as required.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Native and Indigenous Rights Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 14-15, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pakalana/Anthurium Room, Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-955-4811.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Native and Indigenous Rights Advisory Panel will hold a meeting to discuss the history and characteristics of the Alaska Community Development Quota Program, recent Federal legislation authorizing the establishment of a Western Pacific Community Development Program and other issues related to indigenous fishing rights and practices in the Council's area of jurisdiction.

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