

England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will convene this previously unscheduled meeting specifically to address a number of administrative and personnel issues. Decisions on fishery management plan measures will not be considered. The meeting will be open to the public before and after the closed session for the purposes of providing the public with overviews of the closed meeting discussions.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021398A]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting notice amendment.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the meetings of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, which are scheduled for March 17-19, 1998, in Honolulu, HI, was published on February 20, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for amendment to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial agenda was published in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 1998 (63 FR 8612). The notice stated that only the Crustaceans Plan Team meeting would be held on March 17-19, 1998. This document amends that notice by announcing that the the Crustaceans Plan Team will be meeting jointly with the Crustaceans Advisory Panel. All other information previously published remains unchanged.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022498D]

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 Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Ecosystem and Habitat Advisory Panel (EHAP), in Honolulu, HI.

DATES: The EHAP meeting will be held on March 20, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EHAP will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on a draft comprehensive amendment to implement new Sustainable Fishery Act requirements (bycatch, fishing sectors,

fishing communities, overfishing, essential fish habitat), primarily with regard to possible ecological impacts; the Essential Fish Habitat section of the amendment will receive special consideration.

Other agenda items that the EHAP will discuss and may take action on include:

1. Draft outline and concept for Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan;
2. Final Environmental Impact Statement (if available) for military use of Farallon de Mendinilla, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
3. Other business as required.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022398B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of four applications for scientific research permits (1119, 1134, 1135, 1136) and an application for a scientific research/enhancement permit (1118).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mid-Columbia River Fishery Resource Office at Leavenworth, WA (FWS), the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at Portland, OR (CRITFC),