

Parker turtle excluder device. A draft of a scoping document for Amendment 10 to the Shrimp FMP will also be reviewed.

*11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon*—Convene the Personnel Committee to review staff health benefits.

*1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*—Convene the Migratory Species Committee to review a newly completed draft of the Highly Migratory Species FMP that addresses the current commercial and recreational fisheries for tuna, swordfish, and sharks. The Committee will also discuss an amendment to the Billfish FMP which includes Atlantic blue and white marlin, Western Atlantic sailfish, and longbill spearfish.

*2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.*—Convene the Sustainable Fisheries Committee to review the Generic Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Amendment that contains, among other provisions, alternatives for specifying maximum sustainable yield, optimum yield, overfishing and overfished definitions, and rebuilding periods for overfished stocks. The Generic SFA Amendment includes all stocks currently under management by the Council, including jointly managed species and, as such, the Committee will also consider approval of the SFA amendment of the SAFMC.

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

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Dated: October 20, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee has scheduled a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, November 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Leif Erickson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arni Thomson, Alaska Crab Coalition, 206-547-7560.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will convene at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the following subjects have been addressed:

1. Reports on the 1999 budget for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G); the ADF&G proposed observer program, Crab Plan Team activities.
2. Status of crab stocks.
3. Proposed delay in season openings.
4. Tanner crab harvest and rebuilding strategy.
5. Review of American Fisheries Act, SB 1221.
6. Review proposals submitted to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for their March 1999 meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 980326078-8078-01]

#### Request for Comments on Proposed Internet Usage Policy

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) requests comments on a proposed Internet usage policy. The policy is intended to provide guidance to PTO employees regarding the use of the Internet for official PTO business. The policy is to cover (1) communications with applicants via Internet electronic mail (e-mail) and (2) using the Internet to search for information concerning patent applications and elements appearing in trademark applications.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed Internet usage policy will be accepted by the PTO until December 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the attention of Magdalen Greenlief, Office of the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Patent Policy and Projects. Comments submitted by mail should be sent to: Box Comments—Patents, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-8825 or by electronic mail through the Internet to "magdalen.greenlief@uspto.gov".

Written comments will be available for public inspection in Suite 910 of Crystal Park 2, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia. In addition, comments provided in machine-readable format will be available through the PTO's Website at <http://www.uspto.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magdalen Greenlief, by mail to her attention addressed to Box Comments—Patents, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231; by telephone at (703) 305-8813; by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-8825; or by electronic mail through the Internet to "magdalen.greenlief@uspto.gov".