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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Council (Council) will hold separate meetings of its Ecosystem and Habitat Advisory Panel (EHAP) and its Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team (CREPT) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**DATES:** The EHAP meeting will be held on February 22-23, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on February 22, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on February 23. The CREPT meeting will be held on February 24-26, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held at the Council's conference room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii; telephone: (808-522-8220).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EHAP and CREPT will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below; however, the order

in which agenda items will be addressed may change.

#### Monday, February 22, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

##### A. Summary of recent activities

- (1) Hawaii Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary
- (2) Marine & Coastal Zone Management Advisory Group (MACZMAG)
- (3) President's Ocean Initiative (NOAA priorities)

##### B. Refinement of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

- (1) Summary of EFH designations for Bottomfish, Crustaceans, Pelagics and Precious Corals FMPs
- (2) EFH needs of developing Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP
- (3) Fishing gear impacts to EFH
- (4) Non-fishing impacts to EFH
- (5) Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HACPs)
- (6) EFH consultation process
- (7) Mapping of EFH, including the Global Information System
- (8) Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens) reauthorization of EFH mandate
- (9) Council's EFH-related funding needs

##### C. Marine debris from fisheries impacting habitat

Review of problem

##### D. Fishery interactions with monk seals

- (1) Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) lobster fishery
- (2) NWHI precious coral fishery
- (3) Hawaii bottomfish fishery

##### E. Program Plan (Milestones)

Review of revised version

#### Tuesday, February 23, 1999, 8:00 a.m.

##### Draft coral reef ecosystem FMP

Review of preliminary draft

#### Wednesday, February 24, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

- (1) Reports on recent meetings
- (2) Draft Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP

##### Fishery management program (section outlines are in parentheses, below)

- (1) Problems for resolution (2.1)
- (2) Management objectives (2.2)
- (3) Management unit (2.3)
- (4) Habitat issues (2.4)
- (5) Management alternatives (2.5)
- (6) Reef resource development (2.6)
- (7) Impact of management options (2.7)
- (8) Recommended management measures (2.8)

#### Thursday, February 25, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

##### Cost/benefit analysis of proposed measures

- (1) Ecological impacts of management options (3.1)
- (2) Economic impacts of management options (3.2)
- (3) Social impacts of management options (3.3)

#### Friday, February 26, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

##### A. Supporting information

- (1) Description of management unit "stocks" (4.1)
- (2) Description of habitat of management unit "stocks" (4.2)
- (3) Description of fishing affecting management unit "stocks" (4.3)
- (4) Description of economic characteristics (4.4)
- (5) Description of socioeconomic aspects of fishing industries/communities (4.5)
- (6) Description of social and cultural framework of fishing industries/communities (4.6)

##### B. Possible refinements of FMP outline

- (1) Assignments for next iteration of draft FMP
- (2) Timetable for completion of next iteration

##### C. Coral reef funding priorities

- (1) Assessment and monitoring
- (2) Research

##### D. Scheduling of next meeting

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Dated: February 2, 1999.

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