

the date of publication of this preliminary determination. A list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. This summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Tentatively, any hearing will be held fifty-seven days after publication of this notice at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, at a time and location to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. At the hearing, each party may make an affirmative presentation only on issues raised in that party's case brief, and may make rebuttal presentations only on arguments included in that party's rebuttal brief. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). If this investigation proceeds normally, we will make our final determination no later than May 10, 1999.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 22, 1999.

**Richard W. Moreland,**  
*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021799C]

#### 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 Groundfish Harvest Rate Review Panel will hold a work session which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Groundfish Harvest Rate Review Panel will meet beginning at 8 a.m., March 25, 1999 and continue until 12 p.m. on March 26, 1999 or as necessary to complete business.

**ADDRESSES:** The Harvest Rate Policy Review Panel meeting will be held at the California Department of Fish and Game Office, 20 Lower Ragsdale Drive, Suite 100, Main Conference Room, Monterey, CA 93940; telephone: (604) 535-1432.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to review recent information regarding appropriate harvest rates for various groundfish species. Some investigations indicate current harvest policies ( $F_{35\%}$  and  $F_{40\%}$ ) may not adequately protect stocks and may not produce the maximum sustainable yield. This panel will provide external review of the new information on appropriate harvest rates. The review panel's conclusions will be forwarded to the Groundfish Management Team and the Council.

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

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

**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. 020599A]

#### Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of an exempted fishing permit application; announcement of the window period for the selection of participants.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), NMFS. If awarded, the EFP will allow fishers aboard three commercial trawl vessels to collect depth-specific samples of fish according to NMFS' approved protocols. These fish will be delivered to designated ports in the State of Oregon where Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODF&W) and NMFS scientists will collect biological data that will be used to improve survey and stock assessments for sablefish, Dover sole, and thornyhead. An EFP is needed to allow the retention and sale of sablefish and Dover sole samples in excess of trip limits. NMFS also announces a 2-week window period in which interested parties may submit application materials that NMFS will use to select the 1999 industry participants. These actions are taken under the authority of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

**DATES:** The EFP will be effective from March 1, 1999, or as soon as possible thereafter, through February 29, 2000. Applications from interested parties must be received from February 25, 1999 to March 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications to Sharon Hunt, NMFS, 2030 South Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365. Submit comments on this action to Katherine King, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Hunt 541-867-0307, or Cyreis Schmitt 206-860-3322 or 541-867-0127.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

This action is authorized by the FMP and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 660.350, which specify that an EFP may be issued to a