

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Receive the Council Chairman's Meeting Report.  
3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.—Receive the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison Report.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Other Business.

#### Committees

##### July 12, 1999

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the Advisory Panel Selection Committee to select members for an advisory panel.

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the Marine Reserves Committee to potentially approve a contractual agreement for a facilitator.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene the Marine Reserves Committee to hear a report of the Tortugas 2000 working group that was charged with developing plans for marine reserves in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Law Enforcement Committee to hear reports on enforcement and non-compliance issues related to the red snapper fishery, the Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary, the Southwest Florida seasonal shrimp closure, the Florida Middle Grounds Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC), the Eastern Gulf long-line closed area, and implementation of Reef Fish Amendment 16A.

##### July 13, 1999

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to develop its recommendations to the Council on Reef Fish Amendment 17 and the Gag Regulatory Amendment. The Committee will also determine whether to recommend that Council staff begin development of a resubmission document to readdress the portion of Reef Fish Amendment 16A that was disapproved by NMFS. That portion would have phased out the fish trap fishery in the Florida Keys by February 7, 2001. The Committee will also hear a report projecting when the 1999 recreational red snapper season will be closed, and hear updates on the pending approval of the regulatory amendment and emergency rules for red snapper.

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Council members will take a field trip on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter to examine enforcement procedures.

##### July 14, 1999

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to

develop its recommendations to the Council on Mackerel Amendment 12.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee will hear a NMFS report on the Tortugas Shrimp fishery and annual reports assessing the status of the shrimp stocks. The Committee will also discuss workshop(s) to assess the impacts of shrimp trawl bycatch in the eastern Gulf, which will be held in late Summer or Fall.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Convene the Data Collection Committee to hear a report on the pilot study on recreational data collection via MRFSS vs. Logbooks.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee to discuss reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

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.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by July 2, 1999.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

#### Bruce C. Morehead,

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062199D]

#### New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Social Sciences Advisory Committee on July 12, 1999 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will

be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 12, 1999 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council Office conference room; 5 Broadway (Route 1 South); Saugus, MA 01906; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will develop recommendations concerning improvements to the social and economic impacts analyses contained in New England Council fishery management plans. They also will develop recommendations for peer review of these analyses.

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#### Special Accommodations

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062199C]

#### 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 a meeting of its Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team (CREPT) in Honolulu, HI. The meeting will also serve as a public scoping hearing on the management alternatives to be analyzed in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

**DATES:** The CREPT meeting will be held on July 13–15, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

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

*Council address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CREPT will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

**Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 8:30 a.m.**

1. Summary of progress to date on Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (CRE-FMP)
2. Implementation plan/timetable for completion of CRE-FMP
3. Review of fishery management units
  - A. Fish
  - B. Invertebrates
  - C. Other
4. Review of initial proposed measures/alternatives/impacts
  - A. Permit and reporting requirement
  - B. Designation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
    - (1) Criteria
    - (2) Specific candidate sites
  - C. Allowable harvest gear/prohibited practices

**Wednesday, July 14, 1999, 8:30 a.m.**

- D. Framework regulatory process
  - (1) Aquaculture/possession permit for live rock/coral
  - (2) Prohibit anchoring by fishing vessels on Guam's offshore banks
  - (3) Designate zones for mooring buoy installation and anchoring requirement
  - (4) Require permanent marking of passive fishing gear
  - (5) Other
5. Proposed non-regulatory management measures
  - A. Facilitate local management
  - B. Create incentives for sustainable use

- C. Public education outreach
6. Suggestions to address other existing laws and policies
  - A. Endangered Species Act
  - B. Marine Mammal Protection Act
  - C. Administrative Procedure Act
  - D. Coastal Zone Management Act
  - E. Regulatory Flexibility Act
  - F. Executive Orders
  - G. Magnuson-Stevens Act/Sustainable Fisheries Act/Essential Fish Habitat
  - H. Other
7. Preliminary draft regulations
8. Other concerns regarding developing CRE-FMP

**Thursday, July 15, 1999, 8:30 a.m.**

9. Public scoping hearing for National Environmental Policy Act/ Environmental Impact Statement
    - A. Review of public comments received
    - B. Public hearing for additional comments
  10. Other business
    - A. Scheduling of next CREPT meeting
  - B. Upcoming coral reef meetings
  11. Other business
    - A. Scheduling of next meeting
- Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this team 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 this notice.

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Dated: June 23, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 062199F]

**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 will hold a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team and Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 20, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at NMFS Honolulu Laboratory, 2570 Dole St., Rm. 112, Honolulu, HI 96822–2396, telephone: 808–983–5300.

*Council address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the Precious Corals Plan Team and Advisory Panel will discuss the findings of recent research on precious corals in the waters around Hawaii, including information on the size and condition of certain classified precious coral beds, potential increases in fishing pressure on black corals, the presence of a new precious coral bed near French Frigate Shoals and the possible importance of precious coral beds as foraging areas for Hawaiian monk seals. Based on this new information, the plan team will discuss possible modifications to the precious corals fishery management plan. Possible changes in the FMP include suspending the harvest quota for live gold coral at the Makapu'u Bed; redefining live precious coral as precious coral that has live coral polyps or tissue and redefining dead precious coral as precious coral that no longer has any live coral polyps or tissue; applying size limits to harvested live coral only; implementing a minimum size limit for black coral; prohibiting the use of non-selective gear except for scientific research activity; prohibiting the harvest of pink coral from any established or conditional bed unless it has attained a minimum height of 10 inches; revising the boundaries of Brooks Bank; increasing the annual harvest quota for live pink coral at Brooks Bank; suspending the harvest quota for live gold coral at Brooks Bank; restricting the harvest quota for all types of live precious coral at the newly-discovered bed near French Frigate Shoals; and revising the fishing logbooks to require additional information.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups 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.