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The following HMS AP members' terms expire April 6, 2000: Recreational representatives - Jim Donofrio, Ellen Peel and Bob Zales; Commercial representatives - Nelson Beideman, Russell Hudson, Robert Fitzpatrick, Gail Johnson and Bob Spaeth; academic/environmental representatives - Carl Safina and David Wilmot; and ICCAT representative - John Graves.

All Billfish AP members' terms expired June 1, 1999. NMFS is soliciting nominations for replacing the entire membership of the Billfish AP.

The purpose of the APs is to assist NMFS in the development of FMPs, FMP amendments, and regulatory amendments under the FMP framework provisions for Atlantic billfish and Atlantic tunas, swordfish and sharks. The APs assist NMFS in meeting the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act throughout the FMP development process.

Procedures and Guidelines

Procedures for Selecting Advisory Panel Members

Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, governmental and quasi-governmental entities will be considered as members of the AP. Selection of AP members will not be limited to those nominated.

Nominations may include current members of the billfish or HMS APs.

Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups. The nomination should include:

1. Indication of whether the nomination is for the billfish AP, HMS AP, or both APs;
2. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of his or her interest in or connection with billfish (for billfish AP) or with one species in particular from among billfish, sharks, swordfish, and tunas (for HMS AP);
3. A statement of background and/or qualifications; and
4. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP.

Participants

Nominations will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community. NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each interest must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a

group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate balance and mix of interests, given the responsibilities of the AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following:

1. Experience in the recreational fishing industry involved in catching swordfish, tunas, or sharks;
2. Experience in the commercial fishing industry for HMS;
3. Experience in connected industries (marinas, bait and tackle shops);
4. Experience in the scientific community working with HMS; and
5. Former or current representative of a private, regional, state, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries interests dealing with HMS.

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the AP. However, NMFS will be unable to compensate participants with monetary support for their labor, as no funds were appropriated to support this activity in fiscal year 1999. Funding for travel costs of AP members is not always available; therefore, AP members may be expected to pay for travel costs related to the AP.

Tentative Schedule

Meetings of the AP will be held twice yearly or more frequently as necessary; the APs will meet jointly every year, in January or in February to review the Annual SAFE Report and to consider future management actions. Upcoming activities include consideration of regulatory amendments under the framework provisions, particularly measures to address bycatch.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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ICCAT Advisory Committee; Public Meetings; correction

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; Correction

SUMMARY: In a previous **Federal Register** notice, incorrect dates were given for the fall meeting of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the

International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). This document provides corrected dates for the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Kerstetter at 301-713-2337 or Kimberly Blankenbeker at 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the June 7, 1999, issue of the **Federal Register**, on page 30321, in the second column, the first sentence of the seventh paragraph under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, the dates should be corrected to read "October 24-26, 1999."

Dated: August 10, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has scheduled meetings during the month of September 1999.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of meetings.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of the meetings.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet by teleconference on Wednesday September 1, 1999 to review the revised analysis of a proposed split of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Pacific cod fixed gear quota between longline and pot gears, and to further discuss