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Special Accommodations

This work session 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.

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Bruce C. Morehead,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090799E]

Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Tilefish Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, October 1, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton International Hotel at BWI Airport, 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD; telephone: 410-859-3300.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review the public hearing comments and develop recommendations for Council on the fishery management plan for tilefish.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, such issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Herring Oversight Committee in October, 1999. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. This will be a joint meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Atlantic Herring Section.

DATES: The meeting will held on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Trade Winds Motel, 2 Park Drive, Rockland, ME 04841; telephone: (207) 596-6492.

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 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will discuss various options for developing a controlled access program for the Atlantic herring fishery. The committee also may discuss other herring management issues, including spawning area closures, gear competition and interactions in the Gulf

of Maine, management area Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and changing the start of the fishing year.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: September 15, 1999.

Richard W. Surdi,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091499H]

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) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings. The Council will also meet in joint session with the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC).

DATES: The Council and its advisory bodies will meet in Seattle, WA the week of October 11, 1999. The Council will meet with the IPHC on Tuesday, October 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m., continuing until the agenda is complete. On the same day, immediately following the completion of the joint meeting, but not before 1:00 p.m., the Council will begin its regular plenary session and at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13, continuing through Monday, October

18. All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions which may be held during the week to discuss litigation and/or personnel matters.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Seattle Airport, 18740 Pacific Highway South, Seattle, WA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff; telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the Council's joint session with the International Pacific Halibut Commission will include the following subjects:

1. Halibut Bycatch
2. Halibut Charterboat/Recreational Catch Issues
3. Season Extension for Halibut
4. Data for Local Area Management Plans
5. Fee Collection Program
6. Enforcement

The agenda for the Council's normal plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports
 - (a) Executive Director's Report
 - (b) State Fisheries Report by Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 - (c) NMFS Management Report
 - (d) Enforcement and Surveillance Reports
2. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Fixed Gear Pacific Cod Allocations-final approval
3. American Fisheries Act
 - (a) Performance report on 1999 co-ops: discuss expectations.
 - (b) Review proposed regulations for crab processing sideboards.
 - (c) Review report from the Processor Sideboard Committee.
 - (d) Inshore co-op structure and processor sideboards: final action.
 - (e) Review progress on amendment for excessive share caps (BSAI harvest and processing).
 - (f) Update on meeting data requirements.
 - (g) Review Committee report on Gulf of Alaska co-ops.
 - (h) Management of red king crab catcher vessel sideboards: discuss.
4. License Limitation Program
 - (a) Progress report on implementation.
 - (b) Pacific cod species and gear endorsements: preliminary analysis.
 - (c) Crab license buyback: discussion.
5. Multispecies Community Development Quotas (CDQ)
 - (a) Review and comment on State of Alaska's 2000 pollock and associated bycatch CDQ allocations.

(b) CDQ observer coverage: discussion.

6. Recordkeeping & Reporting, & Observers

- (a) Observer program: status report.
- (b) Electronic shoreside reporting: status report.

7. Steller Sea Lions

(a) Status of litigation, emergency rules for 1999, and amendments for 2000.

(b) Status of Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives and discussion of need for court-ordered revisions.

(8) Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: scoping and further action.

9. Halibut and Sablefish Management

- (a) Weighmaster program: further direction.

(b) Halibut subsistence issue: status report and direction as appropriate.

10. Essential Fish Habitat: preliminary review of habitat areas of particular concern.

11. Joint Alaska Board of Fisheries/ North Pacific Council Activities:

(a) Review protocol and any other recommendations from joint committee.

(b) Discuss possible amendments to clarify Category 1 and 3 measures in the crab fishery management plan.

12. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization: Update.

13. Ecosystems Management: Committee Report

14. Groundfish Amendments

(a) Cook Inlet non-pelagic trawl ban: initial review.

(b) Shark and skate management plan: initial review.

(c) Pelagic trawl definition: joint committee report and further action.

15. Groundfish Specifications for 2000

(a) Specifications process: discussion.

(b) Interim specification and associated analyses for 2000: approval.

16. Crab Management

(a) Plan team report and review of Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation report.

(b) Bairdi rebuilding plan: final action.

(c) Standdown alternatives: review joint committee recommendations.

(d) Status of *C. opilio* stocks: staff report and Council direction on development of rebuilding plan.

17. Staff Tasking: Review amendment proposals; give direction to staff.

Advisory Meetings

The Halibut/Sablefish Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) Committee will meet between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, to review proposals for changes to the IFQ program.

The Advisory Panel will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 11, continuing through Thursday, October 14, 1999. The agenda for the Advisory Panel will mirror that of the Council listed above.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 11, continuing through Wednesday, October 13, 1999. The agenda for the SSC will address scientific issues on the Council agenda.

The Gulf of Alaska Co-op Committee will meet Thursday, October 14, between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. to continue discussions on forming cooperatives in the Gulf of Alaska fisheries.

Other committees and workgroups may hold impromptu meetings throughout the meeting week. Such meetings will be announced during regularly-scheduled meetings of the Council, Advisory Panel, and SSC, and will be posted at the hotel.

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