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Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: July 14, 2000.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071400A]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will be begin Monday, August 14, 2000 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 15 through Friday, August 18.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, Conference Room, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR; telephone: 503-326-6352.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the GMT meeting is to review groundfish stock assessment information and prepare recommendations regarding harvest levels and management for 2001. Members of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee's Groundfish Subcommittee and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will meet jointly with the GMT to discuss the results of recent stock assessments and 2001 harvest levels. The GMT will also prepare reports, recommendations, and analyses in support of various Council decisions through the remainder of the year. The GMT will discuss, receive reports, and/or prepare reports on the following topics during this working session: (1) Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel reports; (2) rebuilding plans for canary rockfish, cowcod, lingcod, and Pacific ocean perch, including allocation and bycatch reduction; (3) preliminary acceptable biological catch and optimum yield recommendations for 2001, including management issues; (4) preliminary economic/social analysis of proposed harvest levels and management; (5) Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) document preparation; (6) recreational data issues; (7) inseason management; (8) groundfish strategic plan; and (9) permit stacking proposal and analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications to modify permits (984)(1058) and issued modifications to existing permits (994)(1134)(1194).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement:

NMFS has received a request to modify permit (984) from Dr. Steve Ross, of the North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve, and from the Idaho Fishery Resource Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Ahsahka, ID (FWS) (1058); NMFS has issued modifications to a scientific research permit to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission at Portland, OR (CRITFC)(1134), a scientific research permit to the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit at Moscow, ID (ICFWRU)(994) and a scientific research permit to the Fish Ecology Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service at Seattle, WA (NWFSC)(1194).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5:00 pm eastern standard time on August 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For permits 994, 1058, 1134, 1194: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (ph: 503-230-5400, fax: 503-230-5435).

For permit 984: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West