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Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.—Joint Meeting of the Groundfish Committee and Advisors.

Location: Sheraton Colonial Hotel, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300; fax: (781) 245-0842.

On September 19, The Committee and Advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Further selection and development of the management measures under consideration will continue. The Committee and Advisors are focusing on three broad approaches to groundfish management: revisions to the measures currently in place, an area-based management system, and a sector allocation system. All three approaches will be discussed at this meeting and choices will be made on the specifics of each proposal that will be recommended to the Council later this year. In addition, the Committee and Advisors will review updated assessment information on groundfish stocks, if available, and may develop preliminary recommendations on the rebuilding schedules that will be used in this Amendment. The Committee and Advisors will also consider information from the Council's Groundfish Overfishing Definitions Review Panel and will consider, and develop recommendations for, further review or changes to specific overfishing definitions. The Committee and Advisors may also consider preliminary information from the Multispecies Monitoring Committee.

Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.—Skate Committee Meeting.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000; fax: (401) 732-9309.

At its first meeting, the Skate Committee will review the Skate Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, which will be presented by the Skate Plan Development Team (PDT). The Committee will discuss some of the details regarding the development of the Skate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and will identify issues for staff to develop into a "scoping" document for the Skate FMP. At the end of the meeting, the Committee will convene a closed session to review Advisory Panel applications and nominate individuals to serve on the Skate Advisory Panel.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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: August 10, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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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) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 6, 2000 through September 11, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel, 401 E. Sixth Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

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 Council's Advisory Panel will begin at

8:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 6, and continue through Friday, September 8. The Scientific Committee will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, and continue through Thursday, September 7.

The Council will begin their plenary session at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, continuing through Monday, September 11.

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

Council

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

1. Oath of office to newly appointed members.

2. Election of officers.

3. Reports.

(a) Executive Director's report.

(b) Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization issues.

(c) Socio-economic Data Committee report.

(d) Report on the stakeholder process for Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC).

(e) Report on the status of Western Alaska salmon stocks.

4. Observer Program:

(a) Report on independent review of the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program.

(b) Report from the Council's Observer Advisory Committee and Council discussion of program.

5. Initial review of amendment analyses on Steller sea lion/Pacific cod interactions and provide comments to NMFS.

6. Review of discussion paper and final action on crab processing sideboards.

7. Final action on amendment to prohibit non-pelagic trawl gear in Cook Inlet.

Advisory Meetings

Advisory Panel: The agenda for the Advisory Panel will mirror that of the Council listed above, with the exception of the oath of office and election of officers.

Scientific and Statistical Committee: The Scientific and Statistical Committee will address the following items on the Council agenda:

1. Observer Program issues.

2. Steller sea lion/Pacific cod interactions.

3. HAPC stakeholder process.

4. Socio-economic Data Committee report.

Other Committee/Workgroup & Industry Meetings

During the meeting week, the following groups will hold meetings to discuss various agenda issues of interest:

Crab Cooperative Industry Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2000, 6:30 p.m.

Council/Alaska Board of Fisheries Joint Committee: Thursday, September 7, 2000, at 1:00 p.m. (Agenda will be posted on Council website: www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc)

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.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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 this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 16, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: Evaluation of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 465

Burden Hours: 685

Abstract: This submission is for a one-time data collection for the Evaluation

of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program. The information will be used by the Department of Education to improve the design of the program, answer questions about the program, and justify its budget. There are very limited reporting requirements for this program, so the information is needed to describe consumer characteristics, services provided, and program outcomes. Most of the information will come from project directors, but there will also be interviews with project staff, tribal representatives, advisory group members, service providers, and State VR agency staff.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila_Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, International Research and Studies Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001

Purpose of Program: The International Research and Studies Program provides grants to conduct research and studies to improve and strengthen instruction in modern foreign languages, area studies, and other international fields to provide full understanding of places in which the foreign languages are commonly used.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private agencies, organizations and institutions, and individuals.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 6, 2000.

Applications Available: September 8, 2000.