

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—Continued

Klamath Fishery Management	As necessary
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	As necessary
Salmon Technical Team	As necessary
Tribal Policy Meetings	As necessary
Tribal and Washington Enforcement Consultants	As necessary

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, 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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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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

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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) Highly Migratory Species Plan Development Team (HMSPDT) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The HMSPDT will meet on Monday, April 9, through Friday, April 13, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held in the large conference room at

NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, Room D-203, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271; telephone: (619) 546-7000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HMSPDT will meet on Monday, April 9, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, April 10, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, April 11, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, April 12, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, April 13, 2001, 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

The primary purpose of the work session is to revise the draft fishery management plan (FMP) for highly migratory species (HMS) per Council guidance stemming from the March 2001 Council meeting. The second draft of the FMP is scheduled for review at the June 2001 Council meeting.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

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Request for Comments on the International Effort to Harmonize the Substantive Requirements of Patent Laws

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is seeking comments to obtain the views of the public on the international effort to harmonize substantive requirements of patent laws, and the subsequent changes to United States law and practice. Comments may be offered on any aspect of this effort.

DATES: Comments will be accepted on a continuous basis until April 30, 2001. See discussion of "Text" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to offer written comments should address those comments to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, marked to the attention of Mr. Jon P. Santamauro.

Comments may also be submitted to Mr. Santamauro by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-8885 or by electronic mail through the internet at scpccomments@uspto.gov. All comments will be maintained for public inspection in Room 902 of Crystal Park II, at 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jon P. Santamauro by telephone at (703) 305-9300, by fax at (703) 305-8885 or by mail marked to his attention and addressed to Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The United States has been involved in an effort to harmonize the substantive patent laws in the different countries of the world. The Standing Committee on the Law of Patents (SCP), meeting under the auspices of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), is developing treaty articles, rules and practice guidelines that attempt to harmonize the different substantive requirements associated with obtaining patent protection throughout the world.