

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the RMP for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

DATES: Written comments on the draft RMP must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on February 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Laura Hamilton, Habitat Conservation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 510 Desmond Drive, Suite 103, Lacey, Washington 98503. Comments may also be faxed to 360-753-9517. Copies of the entire RMP are available on the Internet at <http://www.metrokc.gov/roadcon/bmp/pdfguide.htm>, or from the address posted on that site. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via email or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Hamilton at phone number 360-753-5820, or e-mail: Laura.Hamilton@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the following 12 threatened salmonid ESUs: Puget Sound, Lower Columbia River, Upper Willamette River, Snake River spring/summer, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); Hood Canal summer-run and Columbia River chum salmon (*O. Keta*); Ozette Lake sockeye salmon (*O. Nerka*), and; Snake River Basin, Lower Columbia River, Upper Willamette River, and Middle Columbia River steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Background

WSDOT and the counties and cities named above, submitted the RMP for routine road maintenance activities that might affect certain salmonid ESUs listed as threatened in Washington State. The RMP was designed so that routine road maintenance activities would be protective of salmonids and their habitat.

In Part 1, the RMP describes the program framework including the 10 program elements that comprise the program (Regional Forum, Program Review, Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Conservation Outcomes (element 3), Training, Compliance Monitoring, Research, Adaptive Management, Emergency Response, Biological Data Collection, and Reporting). In Part 2, the RMP elaborates on element 3, the BMPs, in much greater detail and provides detailed instructions to crews, supervisors, environmental support staff, design personnel and managers. Part 3 describes a process by

which additional counties, cities, and ports in Washington State may develop routine road maintenance programs by adopting RMP parts 1 and 2, and then submit their RMP to NMFS for review, public comment, and approval or disapproval.

The RMP defines what activities are routine road maintenance. These consist of maintenance activities that are conducted on currently serviceable structures, facilities, and equipment, involve no expansion of or change in use, and do not result in significant negative hydrological impact.

Finally, the RMP includes a biological review of the RMP prepared by WSDOT and the other entities named above. The biological review analyzes the effects of the RMP on listed salmonids and their habitat statewide. The biological review concludes that the identified routine road maintenance activities conducted throughout Washington State under the RMP will not impair properly functioning habitat, nor appreciably reduce the functioning of already impaired habitat, nor retard the long-term progress of impaired habitat toward PFC. Approval or disapproval of the RMP will depend on NMFS' findings after public review and comment.

As specified in the July 10, 2000, ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead (65 FR 42422), NMFS may approve a routine road maintenance program of any state, city, county, or port, provided that NMFS finds the activities to be consistent with the conservation of listed salmonids' habitat by contributing to the attainment and maintenance of properly functioning condition. Prior to final approval of a routine road maintenance program, NMFS must publish notification in the **Federal Register** announcing the program's availability for public review and comment.

Authority

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the rule do not apply to activities associated with routine road maintenance provided that a state or local program has been approved by NMFS to be in accordance

with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000).

Dated: January 18, 2002.

Phil Williams,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011402H]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2002, and will conclude at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-877-6688.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEP will meet to review a regulatory amendment on rebuilding the red grouper stock and to review a study of the charter and party boat fishing industry of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. The SEP will also discuss bioeconomic modeling as an approach to future economic assessments.

A report will be prepared by the SEP containing their conclusions and recommendations. This report will be presented for review to the Council's Reef Fish Advisory Panel and Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee at meetings to be held on the week of February 25th, 2002. Also, the SEP report will be presented to the Council at its meeting on the week of March 11th, 2002 in Mobile, AL.

Composing the SEP membership are economists, sociologists, and anthropologists from various universities and state fishery agencies throughout the Gulf. They advise the Council on the social and economic implications of certain fishery management measures.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SEP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SEP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency.

The meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office by January 31, 2002.

Dated: January 22, 2002.

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

[I.D. 011102F]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of correction of a public meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Committee will meet in Juneau, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 29-30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service Office, 709 W. 9th Street, 4th Floor, Juneau, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W.

4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Coon, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2002 (67 FR 2198). This notice serves as a correction to the address of the meeting. The original notice stated that the meeting would be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Seattle, WA.

All other previously-published information remains the same.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 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 Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 22, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0153]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; OMB Circular A-119

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0153).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning OMB Circular A-119. A request for public comments was published at 66 FR 58493, November 21, 2001. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Streets, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

On February 19, 1998, a revised OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities," was published in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 8545, February 19, 1998. FAR Subparts 11.1 and 11.2 were revised and a solicitation provision was added at 52.211-7, Alternatives to Government-Unique Standards, to implement the requirements of the revised OMB circular. If an alternative standard is proposed, the offeror must furnish data and/or information regarding the alternative in sufficient detail for the Government to determine if it meets the Government's requirements.