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This meeting is 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.

Dated: April 9, 2002.

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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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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) members will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 30, 2002 through May 2, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PPT meeting will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. 2001 annual report modules for American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
2. The economic impacts of swordfish longline fishery closure in Hawaii;

3. First quarter 2002 Hawaii and American Samoa longline fishery reports;

4. Hawaii Marine Recreational Fisheries Survey;

5. American Samoa longline limited entry program;

6. Maximum sustainable yield (MSY)-overfishing control rule;

7. Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary and pelagic fisheries;

8. Sea turtle conservation and management;

- i. Cooperative sea turtle research and conservation workshop;

- ii. Status of field experiments to reduce longline turtle bycatch;

- iii. Longline setting chute trials;

9. NMFS Honolulu Laboratory pelagic fish stock assessments;

10. NMFS Honolulu Laboratory moonfish (opah) and pomfret (monchong) study;

11. Ecosystem-based pelagic fisheries management;

12. Bigeye and yellowfin longline fishery performance models;

13. Hawaii longline fishery logbook and observer data evaluation;

14. Western Pacific pelagic fishery regulatory issues;

15. Preparatory Conference for Western Pacific Tuna Commission, and other international fishery meetings; and

16. Other business as required.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Electronic Publication of the Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announces

its intention to disseminate all future editions of the Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure (TMEP) solely in electronic format.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 15, 2002, to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to the Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513, attention: Sharon Marsh; fax comments to (703) 872-9282, attention Sharon Marsh; or e-mail comments to eTMEP@uspto.gov.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Marsh, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, (703) 308-8910, extension 145; or e-mail to sharon.marsh@uspto.gov.

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