

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 041202D]

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) Ad Hoc Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Oversight Committee will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public, on the draft Groundfish Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (PSEIS).

DATES: The EIS Oversight Committee working meeting will begin Wednesday, May 8, 2002 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. on Thursday, May 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in the West Conference Room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the EIS Oversight Committee meeting is to develop the range of alternatives that will be evaluated in the PSEIS. The committee will review draft sections of the PSEIS, provide comments to the drafters, and prepare recommendations to the Council regarding the programmatic alternatives for consideration at the upcoming June Council meeting.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the EIS Oversight Committee agenda may come before the EIS Oversight Committee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal committee action during this meeting. EIS Oversight Committee 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 Committee's

intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The 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 13, 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. 040902F]

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) Crustaceans Plan Team (CPT) members will hold a meeting.

DATES: The CPT meeting will be held on May 2, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings 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 CPT will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Review of the 112th Council Meeting;
2. State of crustacean fisheries in region;
3. Lobster modeling workshop report;
4. Long term research planning;
5. Cooperative research program;
6. Reserve operations plan and sanctuary designation process;
7. Economic value of Crustacean Area 1 permits; and
8. Other business as required.

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

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Dated: April 13, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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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: NMFS has issued modification #3 to Permit 1178 and modification #1 to Permit 1295.

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 under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); NMFS has issued modification #3 to Permit 1178 to Mr. Harold Foster, of NMFS-NEFSC and modification #1 to permit 1295 to Dr. Richard Merrick, of NMFS-NEFSC-PSB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority**

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under