

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, May 31, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Groundfish Advisory Committee will meet to review the final report of the Council's Capacity Committee. This report suggests alternatives for reducing fishing capacity in the groundfish fleet. The Advisors have been asked to comment on the proposed measures, including whether they will make rationale business sense for those vessel owners who may choose to take advantage of the alternatives. The Advisors will develop recommendations which will be reported to the Groundfish Committee and the full Council at a later date. The Advisory Panel may also address alternatives under development for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Any recommendations of the Panel will be considered by the Groundfish Committee at a future date. 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 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

This meeting is 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: May 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. 051002H]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings June 3-12, 2002, in Dutch Harbor, AK.

DATES: The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, June 3, and continue through Saturday, June 8, 2002. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 3, and continue through Wednesday, June 5, 2002.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, continuing through noon Wednesday, June 12. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions.

ADDRESSES: The Grand Aleutian Hotel, 498 Salmon Way, Dutch Harbor, AK 99692.

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: Council Plenary Session: 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. Reports:

- (a) Executive Director's Report.
- (b) State Fisheries Report by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.
- (c) NMFS Management Report.
- (d) NMFS & U.S. Coast Guard Enforcement Surveillance reports.

2. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Rationalization: Receive committee report and provide direction, as necessary.

3. Essential Fish Habitat: Receive committee report and provide direction, as necessary.

4. Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Rationalization:

- (a) Identify preferred alternative for rationalization.
- (b) Finalize alternatives for the Environmental Impact Statement for the

BSAI King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan.

5. Community Development Quotas: Final action on alternatives for program policy changes.

6. Draft Programmatic Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: finalize alternatives for analysis.

7. Steller Sea Lion Issues: final action on two proposed amendments.

8. American Fisheries Act:

- (a) Initial review of improved retention/utilization adjustments.

(b) Final action on single geographic location amendment.

(c) Review committee report on pollock bycatch measures, if available, and provide further direction.

9. Research Priorities: review and recommend research priorities.

10. Groundfish Management:

(a) Initial review of proposed changes to the annual harvest specification process.

(b) Review workplan and provide direction for an analysis of differential gear impacts.

(c) Final action on alternatives to allocate BSAI Pacific cod harvests between pot catcher processors and pot catcher vessels.

11. Review staff tasking and provide direction.

12. Discuss annual management cycle. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC): The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Research priorities (Item #9 on the Council agenda)

2. Harvest specification process (Item 110(a) on the Council agenda)

3. Draft Groundfish Programmatic SEIS (Item 16 on the Council agenda)

4. Review data collection information.

5. Review impacts methodology.

Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, with the exception of the Reports under Item #1 of the Council agenda.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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

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Dated: May 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. 051002G]

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Executive Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of law enforcement committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Executive Committee in Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meeting will take place on June 3-4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 843-571-1000; fax: 843-766-9444.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: 843-571-4366; fax: 843-769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Executive Committee will meet from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on June 3, 2002 (closed session), and again from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on June 4, 2002.

The Committee will meet in closed session on Monday, June 3, to receive legal briefing on recent court rulings regarding bycatch, overfished species and other issues and how they will affect Council actions. On Tuesday, June 4, the Executive Committee will meet in open session to discuss a request from the Secretary of Commerce for a response from the Council regarding a recent petition for rulemaking on

bycatch (Federal Register Notice, 67 FR 19154, April 18, 2002). In addition, the Committee will discuss avenues for moving forward with fishery management plans and amendments currently being developed for submission to the Secretary of Commerce relevant to recent court rulings affecting fisheries management.

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Dated: May 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. 050702C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1587

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Department of Biology, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 984-1587-00, as amended by Permit No. 984-1587-01. The permit number has been changed to 984-1587-02 to reflect that the permit has been amended.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources,

NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 7, 2002, notice was published in the

Federal Register (67 FR 30651) that an amendment of Permit No. 984-1587-00 had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted prior to close of the public comment period under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), specifically, 50 CFR 216.33(e)(6) and 216.39(c), because delaying issuance of the permit amendment could result in loss of unique research opportunities.

The permit amendment authorizes extension of holding and research on three female California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) at Long Marine Laboratory to June 30, 2004; temporary holding of an adult male sea lion for research and breeding purposes; research on the three female sea lions while pregnant; and temporary holding of up to three pups. All procedures are performed voluntarily by the sea lions.

Dated: May 13, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the Operational Architecture Panel from the Predictive Battlespace Awareness (PBA) to improve Military Effectiveness Study. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the SAB and study leadership to further discuss operational architecture issues at a classified level. This meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: 28-30 May 2002.

ADDRESSES: (TBD) Wilson Blvd, Rosslyn VA 20330.