

Management and Implementation considerations for IR/IU; an industry presentation of bycatch reduction cooperative proposals; a discussion of the selection of bycatch alternatives to be presented to the Council, and the development of work assignments and set the date for next meeting.

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

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 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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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) Technical Committee will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 28-29, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg. 4, Room 2079, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council Staff: 907-271-2809

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Wednesday, August 28th and Thursday,

August 29th, the Committee will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center. Agenda consists of: Review of June 2002 Council motion, NMFS Management and Implementation considerations for IR/IU; industry presentation of bycatch reduction cooperative proposals; discussion of selection of alternatives to be presented to the Council; develop work assignments of set dates for next meeting.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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; public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Allocation Committee (Committee) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, August 28, 2002, from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. The Committee meeting will reconvene on Thursday, August 29, 2002, from 8 a.m. until business is completed.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn, 11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 252-5800.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee meeting is to develop options for allocations and other management measures for the 2003 Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. In addition, the Committee will evaluate current catch levels of overfished groundfish species and may propose inseason adjustments. The Committee will discuss the types of provisions that may be necessary to prevent further overfishing, to reduce bycatch of overfished species in the various groundfish fisheries, and to reduce bycatch in non-groundfish fisheries. The Committee will also review a new stock assessment and rebuilding analysis for yelloweye rockfish. No management actions will be decided by the Committee. The Committee's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by the Pacific Fishery Management Council at its September meeting in Portland, OR.

Additionally, the Council will solicit public scoping comments for preparing the 2003 Pacific Coast groundfish annual specifications Environmental Impact Statement at 4 p.m. on

August 28. This will be the Council's primary decision document for recommending harvest specifications and management measures for the 2003 Pacific Coast groundfish fishery.

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