

exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on October 16, 2002 and October 22, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Newburyport, MA and Warwick, RI. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Wednesday, October 16, 2002, 9:30 a.m.—Vessel Monitoring Systems Committee Meeting.

Location: New England Fishery Management Council Office, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

The committee will review Groundfish Amendment 13 options and Groundfish Enforcement Analysis.

Tuesday, October 22, 2002, 9:30 a.m.—Skate Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Hampton Inn and Suites Airport, 2100 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-8888.

The committee will review the Draft Skate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). They will also review public comments received on Draft Skate FMP/EIS. Also on the agenda will be the review of the Skate Advisory Panel and Skate PDT comments on Draft Skate FMP/EIS. They will recommend measures for inclusion in the Final Skate FMP/EIS for Council consideration.

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

These meetings are 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: September 25, 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. 092502B]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee will hold a joint work session which is open to the public to review proposed salmon methodology changes.

DATES: The work session will be held Tuesday, October 15, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 7900 NE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR 97220.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the work session is to brief the STT and SSC on changes made to or proposed for the chinook Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), review the scientific bases for those changes, and compare results from the updated model with those from the previous version.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the STT and the SSC subcommittee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 25, 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. 092502A]

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) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will begin Tuesday, October 15, 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 Wednesday, October 16 through Friday, October 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at NMFS Northwest Region Office, Building 1, Northwest Region Conference Room, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; telephone: (206) 526-6150.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Staff Officer, (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the GMT meeting is to prepare reports, recommendations, and analyses in support of various Council decisions through the

remainder of the year. The following specific items comprise the draft agenda, (1) complete and/or review rebuilding plans for overfished groundfish stocks, (2) recommend processes and standards for incorporating rebuilding plans into the Pacific Coast Groundfish fishery management plan (FMP), (3) resolve any outstanding catch estimation data issues and evaluate the need for inseason management adjustments, (4) consider recommendations for Exempted Fishing Permit processes and standards, (5) evaluate Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements, (6) consider recommendations for FMP Amendment 17 and multi-year management issues, (7) review the Groundfish Strategic Plan, (8) work on Volume 2 of the 2002 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document, (9) consider a fixed gear sablefish permit stacking recommendation, (10) consider recommendations for 2003 stock assessment priorities and the STAR process, and (11) other miscellaneous Council groundfish issues.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 GMT'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) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 25, 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

Notice of Availability and Effective Date of the Final Revised Management Plan for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSO), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Effective Date of Final Revised Management Plan.

SUMMARY: The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary was Congressionally designated by the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Act (HIHWNMSA) on November 4, 1992 (Subtitle C of Public Law 102-587, the Oceans Act of 1992). On Friday, March 28 1997, the final regulations were published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 14799), and became effective on June 2, 1997.

Section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act requires that sanctuary management plans be reviewed and potentially revised every five years. At the time of designation NOAA made a commitment to the state of Hawaii that five years after the management plan and regulations became effective, NOAA, in consultation with the State of Hawaii, would evaluate the progress made toward implementing the management plan, regulations, and goals for the Sanctuary. NOAA also agreed that after the evaluation was complete, NOAA would then re-submit the management plan and regulations in their entirety, as far as they affect State waters, to the Governor for his concurrence.

The review process was composed of four major stages: information collection and characterization; preparation and release of a draft revised management plan; public review and comment; and preparation and release of a final revised management plan. A draft revised management plan and draft environmental assessment were made available for public review on March 19, 2002 (67 FR 12525). Seven public meetings were held throughout the State of Hawaii to collect information and comments from individuals, organizations, and government agencies on the scope, types, and significance of issues related the Sanctuary's draft revised management plan. Written

comments were also received throughout the public comment period which ended on May 24, 2002.

A final revised management plan and final environmental assessment were prepared in response to input received from the Sanctuary Advisory Council and comments received during the public review phase. The final revised management plan does not contain any regulatory or boundary changes.

DATES: The final revised management plan was submitted to the Governor of Hawaii on August 2, 2002. The Governor concurred with the final revised management plan on September 6, 2002. This notice confirms the effective date of the new management plan as September 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the final revised management plan and its supporting environmental assessment may be obtained by contacting Naomi McIntosh, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 104, Honolulu, HI 96825 or on the Internet at <http://www.hihwnms.nos.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Reisewitz, MPR Coordinator, by phone at (808) 397-2651 or via e-mail at Annelore.Reisewitz@noaa.gov.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Jamison S. Hawkins,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091202C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 981-1578-03

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Peter L. Tyack, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 981-1578-02.

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