

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

[I.D. 021903D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; March 9–14, 2003, Council Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearing.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings and a hearing on management issues regarding its fisheries.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 9 to 14, 2003, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** under Schedule of Ancillary Meetings. The Council will meet on March 11 to 14, from 8 a.m. till the scheduled business is completed. All meetings are open to the public, except that a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on March 11.

ADDRESSES: The meetings and the hearing will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California 95815; telephone: (916) 922–8041.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820–2280 or (866) 806–7204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Call to Order
 - 1. Opening Remarks, Introductions,
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Executive Director's Report
 - 4. Approve Agenda
 - 5. Approve June, September and November 2002 Meeting Minutes
- B. Salmon Management
 - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - 2. Final Scientific and Statistical Committee Methodology Review Recommendations on the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation and Assessment Models (FRAM) for 2003 Salmon Management
 - 3. Review of 2002 Fisheries and Summary of 2003 Stock Abundance Estimates
 - 4. Inseason Management Recommendations for Openings Prior to May 1 North of Cape Falcon

- 5. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2003 Salmon Management Options
- 6. Status of Model Evaluation Workgroup
- 7. Status of Marking Programs for Selective Fisheries
- 8. Conservation Objectives for Central Valley Winter and Spring Chinook
- 9. Council Recommendations for 2003 Management Option Analysis
- 10. Council Direction for 2003 Management Options (if Necessary)
- 11. Salmon Hearings Officers
- 12. Adoption of 2003 Management Options for Public Review
 - C. Habitat Issues: Essential Fish Habitat Issues
 - D. Marine Reserves
 - 1. Considerations for Integrating Marine Reserves with Effective Fishery Management
 - 2. Update on Marine Reserves Activities
 - 3. Planning for Federal Waters Portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
 - E. Groundfish Management: National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - F. Pacific Halibut Management
 - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - 2. Report on International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting
 - 3. Public Review Options for the 2003 Incidental Catch Regulations in the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries
 - G. Highly Migratory Species Management
 - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - 2. Status of the Pacific Council Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan
 - H. Administrative and Other Matters
 - 1. Improvements in Meeting National Environmental Policy Act Requirements for Council Action
 - 2. Planning Session on Improving Council Meeting Efficiency
 - 3. Legislative Matters
 - 4. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums
 - 5. Financial Matters
 - 6. Council Staff Work Load Priorities and Results of Strategic Goals Workshop
 - 7. April 2003 Council Meeting Agenda
 - I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
 - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - 2. Draft Regulatory Amendment and Analysis for Changes to Sardine Allocation
 - 3. Update on Sardine Stock Assessment Review Process

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS*SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2003*

Scientific and Statistical Committee
Groundfish and Economic
Subcommittees

1 p.m.
Sierra B Room

Klamath Fishery Management Council

2 p.m.
Sierra A Room

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003

Council Secretariat

8 a.m.
California Room

Scientific and Statistical Committee

8 a.m.
Sierra B Room

Salmon Advisory Subpanel

8 a.m.
Comstock 2 Room

Salmon Technical Team

8 a.m.
Comstock 3 Room

Habitat Committee

10 a.m.
Klamath Room

Legislative Committee

10 a.m.
Tahoe Room 514

Budget Committee

1 p.m.
Tahoe Room 514

Washington State Delegation

As necessary
Comstock 1 Room

Klamath Fishery Management Council

As necessary
Sierra A Room

Tribal Policy Group

As necessary
Almanor Room 303

Tribal Washington Technical Groups

As necessary
Shasta Room 305

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.
California Room

California State Delegation

7 a.m.
Tahoe Room 514

Oregon State Delegation

7 a.m.

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| Comstock 2 Room | Almanor Room 303 | Comstock 2 Room |
| Scientific and Statistical Committee | Tribal Washington Technical Groups | Salmon Technical Team |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | 8 a.m. |
| Sierra B Room | Shasta Room 305 | Comstock 3 Room |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel | Klamath Fishery Management Council | Enforcement Consultants |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | As necessary |
| Comstock 2 Room | Sierra A Room | Comstock 1 Room |
| Salmon Technical Team | <i>THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003</i> | Washington State Delegation |
| 8 a.m. | Council Secretariat | As necessary |
| Comstock 3 Room | 7 a.m. | Comstock 1 Room |
| Enforcement Consultants | California Room | Tribal Policy Group |
| Immediately after Council session | California State Delegation | As necessary |
| Tahoe Room 514 | 7 a.m. | Almanor Room 303 |
| Washington State Delegation | Tahoe Room 514 | Tribal Washington Technical Groups |
| As necessary Needed | Oregon State Delegation | As necessary |
| Comstock 1 Room | 7 a.m. | Shasta Room 305 |
| Tribal Policy Group | Comstock 2 Room | Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. |
| As necessary | Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel | Special Accommodations |
| Almanor Room 303 | 8 a.m. | 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 five days prior to the meeting date. |
| Tribal Washington Technical Groups | Klamath Room 513 | Dated: February 19, 2003. |
| As necessary | Salmon Advisory Subpanel | Theophilus R. Brainerd, |
| Shasta Room 305 | 8 a.m. | <i>Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.</i> |
| Klamath Fishery Management Council | Comstock 2 Room | [FR Doc. 03-4329 Filed 2-19-03; 4:34 pm] |
| As necessary | Salmon Technical Team | BILLING CODE 3510-22-S |
| Sierra A Room | 8 a.m. | |
| <i>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003</i> | Comstock 3 Room | |
| Council Secretariat | Enforcement Consultants | |
| 7 a.m. | As necessary | |
| California Room | Tahoe Room 514 | |
| California State Delegation | Washington State Delegation | |
| 7 a.m. | As necessary Needed | |
| Tahoe Room 514 | Comstock 1 Room | |
| Oregon State Delegation | Tribal Policy Group | |
| 7 a.m. | As necessary | |
| Comstock 2 Room | Almanor Room 303 | |
| Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel | Tribal Washington Technical Groups | |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | |
| Klamath Room 513 | Shasta Room 305 | |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel | Klamath Fishery Management Council | |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | |
| Comstock 2 Room | Sierra A Room | |
| Salmon Technical Team | <i>FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003</i> | |
| 8 a.m. | Council Secretariat | |
| Comstock 3 Room | 7 a.m. | |
| Enforcement Consultants | California Room | |
| As necessary | California State Delegation | |
| Tahoe Room 514 | 7 a.m. | |
| Washington State Delegation | Tahoe Room 514 | |
| As necessary | Oregon State Delegation | |
| Comstock 1 Room | 7 a.m. | |
| Tribal Policy Group | Comstock 2 Room | |
| As necessary | Salmon Advisory Subpanel | |
| | 8 a.m. | |

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 021003A]****Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)**

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to issue an EFP to use modified traps to capture Royal