

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee in October 2003. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Thursday, October 30, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-6478.

*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; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda will include an update on projects funded through NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Research Partners Initiative, further deliberations on a process to incorporate the results of cooperative research projects into the Council management process, and planning for 2004 initiatives.

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#### 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: October 9, 2003.

**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. 100903E]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Social Sciences Advisory Committee in November, 2003 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2003 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

*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; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Social Science Advisory Committee will review timelines for Council actions that extend into 2004 and decide which actions are appropriate for providing the Council guidance on social and economic analysis. The Committee will also discuss progress on developing a clearinghouse for social and economic data and a workshop to further the development of social and economic analyses of fishery management action.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100903C]

#### 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 (Council) and its advisory bodies will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory bodies will meet November 2-7, 2003. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, November 3, at 3:30 p.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 3 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hilton San Diego Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Blvd., Del Mar, CA 92014; telephone: (858) 792-5200.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 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. All items listed are subject to potential Council action.

#### A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda

#### B. Marine Protected Areas

1. Jurisdiction and Authority Issues for Marine Protected Areas

- 2. Update on West Coast Marine Protected Areas Issues
- C. Habitat
  - Current Habitat Issues
- D. Groundfish Management
  - 1. NMFS Report on Groundfish Management
  - 2. Makah Rockfish Enhancement Proposal
  - 3. Feasibility of Using Real-time Electronic Logbook Data in Groundfish Fishery Management
  - 4. Observer Data Flow for Fishery Years 2004–06
  - 5. Status of Groundfish Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments
  - 6. Cabezon and Lingcod Stock Assessments and Lingcod Rebuilding Analysis for 2005–06
  - 7. Update on RecFin Data Improvements
  - 8. Preliminary Optimum Yield (OY), Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC), Management Measures, and Preseason Management Schedule (November–June) for 2005–06 Fisheries
  - 9. Planning of “Off-year” Non-regulatory Science Activities (e.g., Stock Assessment Models, B0 and BMSY Workshops)
  - 10. Vessel Monitoring System (VMS): Transiting Requirements for Fixed-Gear Limited Entry Vessels and Expansion of the Program
  - 11. Groundfish Bycatch Program Environmental Impact Statement
  - 12. Development of Groundfish Trawl Individual Quotas (IQ) and Control Date
  - 13. Final Approval of Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) for 2004
  - 14. Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 16–3: Rebuilding Plans for Bocaccio, Cowcod, and Widow and Yelloweye Rockfish
  - 15. Open Access Limitation Discussion and Planning
- E. Salmon Management
  - 1. Salmon Fishery Update
  - 2. Inseason Consideration of Scheduled 2004 Commercial and Recreational Openings South of Cape Falcon
  - 3. Preseason Planning for 2004 Management
  - 4. Salmon Methodology Review
- F. Pacific Halibut Management
  - 1. Status of 2003 Pacific Halibut Fisheries
  - 2. Proposed Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations
- G. Highly Migratory Species Management
  - 1. NMFS Report on Highly Migratory Species Management

- 2. Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment Update: High Seas Longline Limited Entry and Other Issues
- H. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
  - 1. NMFS Report
  - 2. Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Harvest Guideline for 2004
- I. Administrative and Other Matters
  - 1. Legislative Matters
  - 2. Fiscal Matters
  - 3. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums for the 2004–06 Term
  - 4. Staff Work Load Priorities and Draft March 2004 Council Meeting Agenda

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS**

- SUNDAY, November 2, 2003*
- Scoping Sessions: ..... 1 p.m.
- Groundfish Management Specifications ..... 1 p.m.
- for 2005–2006 ..... 1 p.m.
- Groundfish Fishery Management Plan ..... 3 p.m.
- Amendment 16–3 ..... 3 p.m.
- MONDAY, November 3, 2003*
- Council Secretariat ..... 8 a.m.
- Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ..... 8 a.m.
- Groundfish Management Team ..... 8 a.m.
- Scientific and ..... 8 a.m.
- Statistical Committee ..... 8 a.m.
- Joint Sessions: ..... 8:30–12 p.m.
- 1. Cabezon and Lingcod Stock Assessments ..... 10 a.m.
- 2. Real-time Electronic Logbook Presentation ..... 11 a.m.
- 3. Makah Rockfish Enhancement Proposal/Habitat Committee .. 1 p.m.
- Legislative Committee ..... 1 p.m.
- Budget Committee ..... 1 p.m.
- TUESDAY, November 4, 2003*
- Council Secretariat ..... 7 a.m.
- California State Delegation ... 7 a.m.
- Oregon State Delegation ..... 7 a.m.
- Washington State Delegation Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ..... 7 a.m.
- Groundfish Management Team ..... 8 a.m.
- Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel ..... 8 a.m.
- Scientific and Statistical Committee ..... 8 a.m.
- Enforcement Consultants ..... 8 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY, November 5, 2003*
- Council Secretariat ..... 7 a.m.
- California State Delegation ... 7 a.m.
- Oregon State Delegation ..... 7 a.m.
- Washington State Delegation Groundfish Advisory Subpanel ..... 7 a.m.

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—Continued**

Groundfish Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants ..... <i>THURSDAY, November 6, 2003</i> .....	As necessary
Council Secretariat .....	7 a.m.
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation Groundfish Advisory Subpanel .....	7 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants ..... <i>FRIDAY, November 7, 2003</i> .....	As necessary
Council Secretariat .....	7 a.m.
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation Groundfish Advisory Subpanel .....	7 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants ..... <i>FRIDAY, November 7, 2003</i> .....	As necessary
Council Secretariat .....	7 a.m.
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation .....	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation Groundfish Advisory Subpanel .....	7 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team .....	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants .....	As necessary

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Immediately following Council Session