

Aleutian Island pollock and GOA rockfish.

8. American Fisheries Act: Review 2003 co-op reports and 2004 co-op agreements.

9. Draft Programmatic Supplemental Impact Statement (DPSEIS): (a) Report on comments received on draft; (b) Report on Endangered Species Act Consultation; (c) Review Groundfish Fishery Management Plan.

10. Steller Sea Lion (SSL) mitigation adjustments in GOA: Review NMFS informal consultation.

11. Groundfish Management: (a) Review National Bycatch Strategy and Alaska Region Report; (b) Review Crab/Groundfish overfishing definitions and multispecies models (SSC); (c) Review Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) request for rockfish fishery.

12. Scallop Management: (a) Review Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation; (b) Discuss Fishery Management Plan update.

13. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and provide direction to staff.

14. Other Business.

Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC): The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. C-1 Observer Program
2. C-4 HAPC
3. C-5 Crab EIS
4. C-8 DPSEIS
5. C-9 SSL Mitigations
6. D-1 Groundfish Management
7. D-2 Scallop Management

Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.

Enforcement Committee: The Enforcement Committee will meet during each meeting of the Council to discuss enforcement issues or concerns related to any subject on the Council agenda.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during the meeting. Council 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011204D]

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 Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for Pacific whiting will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Pacific whiting STAR Panel will meet February 2, 2004 through February 4, 2004. Each day, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The Pacific whiting STAR Panel meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Auditorium, 2725 Montlake Blvd. E, Seattle, WA 98112; telephone: (206) 860-3200.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Burner, Groundfish Staff Officer: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

Entry to the Northwest Fisheries Science Center requires identification with photograph (such as a student ID, state drivers license, etc.) A security guard will review the identification and issue a Visitor's Badge valid only for the date of the meeting. Since parking is at a premium at the Northwest Fisheries

Science Center, car pooling and mass transit are encouraged.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in STAR Panel agendas may come before the STAR Panel for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Panel action during this meeting. STAR Panel 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 Panel'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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011204E]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting to plan annual management measures, the biennial management cycle, and strategize 2004 Council initiatives. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will convene on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 4 through Friday, February 6 until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GMT working meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador

Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council Staff Officer for Groundfish, telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the GMT working meeting is to plan the GMT's annual schedule and strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2004 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2004. Additionally, the GMT will discuss groundfish management measures in place for the winter and spring months, respond to assignments relating to implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan, consider technical aspects of draft stock rebuilding plans and analyses, discuss recommended modifications to the Recreational Fishery Information Network (RecFIN) database with the RecFIN Statistical Committee, discuss a new Pacific whiting stock assessment, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management.

Although non-emergency 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 requiring 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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010804C]

South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Law Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel to review Committee reports, current regulations for enhancement of compliance, and develop Committee priorities.

DATES: The joint meeting will take place February 3-4, 2004. Meeting participants will meet from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. on February 3, 2004 and again from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on February 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 800/334-6660 or 843/571-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 843/571-4366 or 866/SAFMC-10; fax: 843/769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items for discussion at the joint meeting include but are not limited to: (1) a review of the Committee Report \geq Precepts for Efficient Fisheries Enforcement; (2) a review of current mackerel regulations for enhancement of compliance; and (3) the development of near and long-term priorities for the Law Enforcement Committee.

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.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) by February 2, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010804D]

South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Ecosystem-Based Management Committee to discuss and develop definitions and approaches to ecosystem-based management.

DATES: The meeting will take place February 5-6, 2004. Meeting participants will meet from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on February 5, 2004 and again from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on February 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 800/334-6660 or 843/571-1000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 843/571-4366 or 866/SAFMC-10; fax: 843/769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ecosystem-Based Management Committee will review and discuss definitions of an ecosystem and an ecosystem approach to management, terms that have been widely discussed and applied to natural resource management to date. Using these comprehensive definitions as a foundation, the Committee will then develop a working definition of the terms and ideas that is applicable to the South Atlantic Region. The Committee will also discuss opportunities to expand the current fishery management plans and the Habitat Plan in and effort to best integrate ecosystem-based