

preliminary range of alternatives as a means to initiate discussion for scoping purposes only. This may not represent the full range of alternatives that eventually will be evaluated by the Council. Copies of the scoping document will be available at the meetings and are available prior to the meetings from the Council office (*see ADDRESSES*).

The scoping meetings will be held at the following locations and dates from 6 p.m. followed by hearings on a Generic Marine Aquaculture Amendment (noticed separately) and will conclude by 10 p.m.

1. Tuesday, February 17, 2004, Adams Mark Hotel and Resort, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: (251) 438-4000;

2. Wednesday, February 18, 2004, J.L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium, 115 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530; telephone: (228) 374-5550;

3. Thursday, February 19, 2004, Larose Regional Park, 2001 East 5th Street, Larose, LA 70373; telephone: (504) 693-7355;

4. Monday, February 23, 2004, Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, 1102 South Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78401; telephone: (361) 883-5731;

5. Tuesday, February 24, 2004, Moody Gardens Hotel, 7 Hope Boulevard, Galveston, TX 77554; telephone: (409) 741-8484;

6. Wednesday, February 25, 2004, National Marine Fisheries Service, Panama City Laboratory, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408; telephone: (850) 234-6541 ext. 201;

7. Thursday, February 26, 2004, Madeira Beach City Hall Auditorium, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708; telephone: (727) 391-9951; and

8. Monday, March 1, 2004, Holiday Inn Beachside, 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040; telephone: (305) 294-2571.

Special Accommodations

The meetings will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Trish Kennedy at the Council (*see ADDRESSES*) by February 13, 2004.

Dated: February 9, 2004.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Public Hearing on Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

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

ACTION: Notification of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Islands Regional Office of NMFS, in coordination with the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), will hold a public hearing in Honolulu, Hawaii, to receive comments on a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) for proposed management measures under the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act. The DSEIS describes and assesses the likely environmental impacts of a range of alternative fishery management actions that are focused on the management of the pelagic longline fisheries, particularly with respect to interactions between sea turtles and the Hawaii-based longline fleet.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on February 18, 2004, from 6 to 8 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the Ala Moana Hotel (Carnation Room, second floor), 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Graham, NMFS, 808-973-2937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DSEIS was made available to the public on January 23, 2004, as described in a Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency on that date. The public comment period for the DSEIS ends February 23, 2004.

To obtain a copy of the DSEIS or for additional information, contact NMFS (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*). The DSEIS and related documents are also available on the Internet at <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/pir/> and <http://www.wpcouncil.org>.

Special Accommodations

This hearing is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tom Graham, (808) 973-2937 (voice) or (808) 973-2941 (fax), by February 17, 2004.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 10, 2004.

Peter Fricke,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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