

December 12, 2003. *See Stainless Steel Wire Rods from India: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 65680 (November 21, 2003). On December 19, 2003, the Department published the preliminary determination in this administrative review. *See Stainless Steel Wire Rods from India: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 70765 (December 19, 2003).

#### Extension of Time Limit of Final Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to issue the final results of an antidumping duty review within 120 days of the date on which the preliminary results are published. However, if the Department concludes that it is not practicable to issue the results by the original deadline, it may extend the 120-day period to 180 days. Completion of the final results of this review within the 120-day period is not practicable because information critical to the review has recently been brought to the attention of the Department. As a result, the official record of the review is being reopened so this information can be entered into the record. Additionally, allowance of sufficient time for parties to submit comments and rebuttals on the augmented official record makes issuance of the final results of the review within the 120-day period impracticable.

Therefore, we are extending the time period for issuing the final results of the review by 30 days until May 17, 2004. This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations.

**Barbara E. Tillman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033104D]

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

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and 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 Habitat/Marine Protected Area Committee in April, 2004. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at 9:30 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, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will discuss upcoming Omnibus Habitat Amendment organizational issues and presentations on general habitat education issues. They will debate and consider essential fish habitat issues related to Herring Amendment 1 and Multispecies Framework 40.

In addition, they will discuss Marine Protected Area (MPA) policies from around the nation and begin the development a draft MPA policy statement for further discussion and eventual Council consideration. The committee may take up other non-actionable topics as necessary.

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

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: March 31, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032204D]

##### Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) and its Bottomfish Plan Team (BPT) in Honolulu, HI to discuss fishery issues and develop recommendations for future management.

**DATES:** The meeting of the PPT will be held on April 27-29, 2004 and BPT meeting on May 4-6, 2004. Both meetings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PPT will meet on April 27-29, 2004, at the Council Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:

*Tuesday, April 27, 2004, 8:30 a.m.*

1. Introduction

2. Annual Report review

a. Review 2002 Annual Report modules and recommendations

b. 2002 Annual Report region-wide recommendations

*Wednesday and Thursday, April 28–29, 2004, 8:30 a.m.*

3. Format of the Recreational Module and other annual report changes
4. Blue marlin catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) analysis
5. Localized depletions of pelagic stocks
6. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) National Standard 1 revisions
7. Planned NOAA-Fisheries longline fishery research in American Samoa
8. Private fish aggregating devices (FADs) in Hawaii
9. Other business

The BPT will meet on May 4–6, 2004, at the Council Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004, 8:30 a.m.*

1. Introduction
2. Annual Report review
  - a. Review 2002 Annual Report modules and recommendations
  - b. 2002 Annual Report region-wide recommendations

*Wednesday, May 5, 2004, 8:30 a.m.*

3. Overfishing control rule
  - a. Report on Dunedin Deep-slope fishery Workshop
  - b. Status of new control rules
  - c. Report on Stock Assessment Workshop and review of Recommendations
  - d. Federal fishery data collection program
4. Archedepelagic Ecosystem-based management plan
5. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) bottomfish fishery management

*Thursday, May 6, 2004, 8:30 a.m.*

6. Hawaii Bottomfish management
  - a. National Ocean Service (NOS) Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Sanctuary Designation Process
    - b. NWHI bottomfish observer coverage
    - c. Status of State of Hawaii Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) bottomfish program
7. Essential Fish Habitat and Habitat of Particular Concern
8. Program Planning
  - a. Council 3–5 year plan
  - b. Regional Strategic Plan
9. Other Business

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The PPT and

BPT will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the PPT and BPT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Plan Team action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires 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 Kitty M. Simonds, 808–522–8220 (voice) or 808–522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 31, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033004A]

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)

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

**ACTION:** Notification of a proposal for EFP to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued in response to an application submitted by Kelo Pinkham in collaboration with Dana Morse (Darling Marine Center). The EFP would allow an exemption from the seasonal GOM Rolling Closure Areas III and IV restrictions. The Assistant Regional Administrator has made a preliminary determination that the application contains all of the required information

and warrants further consideration and that the activities to be authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue an EFP.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Positively Buoyant Ground Cables." Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281–9135, or submitted via e-mail to the following address: [da424@noaa.gov](mailto:da424@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heather Sagar, Fishery Management Specialist, phone: 978–281–9341, fax: 978–281–9135, e-mail: [heather.sagar@noaa.gov](mailto:heather.sagar@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Kelo Pinkham, in collaboration with Dana Morse (Darling Marine Center), submitted a complete EFP application on March 2, 2004. The purpose of this study is to decrease bottom contact of trawl gear and improve the selectivity of groundfish trawls through modifications to increase the buoyancy of the ground cables and the trawl frame. Although the trawl would be modified, the gear would still be compliant with all current regulations. Exemptions would be necessary to relieve vessels from the seasonal GOM Rolling Closure Areas III and IV restrictions in order to provide a greater opportunity to access the appropriate mix of roundfish for effective gear selectivity testing, when compared to open areas.

The proposed study would occur inside the area defined by the following coordinates: 43°40' N. lat., 69°50' W. long.; 43°40' N. lat., 69°30' W. long.; 43°20' N. lat., 69°50' W. long.; and 43°20' N. lat., 69°30' W. long. At no time would fishing operations be conducted inside year-round closure areas. There would be one vessel participating in this study for a total of 10 days. The study would occur from May 15, 2004, through June 15, 2004, during which time the vessel would complete 2 days devoted to work with underwater cameras, and 8 days of gear trials. During all 10 days, the vessel would alternate tows with its modified 70–ft (23.3 m) otter trawl net, and its standard New England rigged net. No fish would be landed during the days dedicated to