

1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, (Visitor parking available.)

Interested persons are welcome to submit suggestions or comments on the scope or content of the proposed EIS by attending any of the above meetings or provide written comments to the designated official below. Written comments will be accepted until February 25, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WCZMP was the first in the nation to receive federal approval under the CZMA in 1976. The basis for the WCZMP participation in the federal coastal zone management program was the implementation of the Washington Shoreline Management Act of 1971 (SMA). The SMA set in motion the designation of shorelines of statewide significance, policy objectives and guidelines with respect to managing shoreline uses, a process for local governments to develop Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs) that would meet the objectives of the Act, and a management process to include the Shorelines Hearing Board that would serve as an administrative appeals body. From 1976 to the present, the WCZMP has received federal CZMA funds to supplement their state funds to implement the WCZMP.

In 1995, the Washington State Legislature directed the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to periodically review and adopt guidelines consistent with SMA policies and to integrate shorelines with the provisions of the Growth Management Act critical areas ordinances. Ecology has spent the better part of 6 years developing revised guidance for updating SMPs. The new guidelines recognize advancements in science regarding shoreline ecological processes, changes in laws, changes in the character of shoreline development and innovations in shorelines and growth management practices. More information can be found on the Washington Department of Ecology Web Site at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/SMA/index.html>.

OCRM has been requested by the State of Washington to incorporate the revised SMP Guidelines Rule into the federally approved WCZMP. OCRM has determined that this is a major federal action and will therefore develop an environmental impact statement to identify what environmental consequences may be associated with this proposed action. The State of WA adopted the revised SMP Guidelines Rule in December 2003. OCRM's consideration of Washington's proposed amendment to its already approved Federal coastal zone management

program does not affect state law or regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments and questions should be made to: Masi Okasaki, Assistant Regional Manager, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155 extension 185, e-mail wa.guidelines.noaa.gov.

Dated: December 28, 2004.

Eldon Hout,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122904A]

Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster Data Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of data workshop for Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster.

SUMMARY: The State of Florida, along with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC), will hold a data workshop, the first in a series of three workshops, to evaluate the stock status of the spiny lobster.

DATES: The data workshop will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, and conclude no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The data workshop will be held at the Florida State Regional Service Center, 2796 Overseas Highway, Suite 104, Marathon, FL.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stu Kennedy, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A data workshop will be held to generate an assessment data set on the Gulf of Mexico/South Atlantic Spiny Lobster. The assessment data set will include catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, fishery descriptions, biological sampling intensity, fishery dependent and fishery independent monitoring results and life history characteristics. Workshop participants will draft preliminary Assessment Report sections. Participants include data collectors, database managers, stock assessment scientists, biologists, fisheries researchers, fishermen, environmentalists, Council members, international experts and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and Federal agencies.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by January 7, 2005.

Dated: December 30, 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. 123004B]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Information Policy

Committee (GIPC) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GIPC meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The GIPC meeting will reconvene Wednesday, January 26, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

ADDRESSES: The GIPC meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Portland Airport, Cedars I and II Rooms, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97220. Telephone: 503-460-3000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GIPC meeting is to formulate and recommend a groundfish information management policy to the Council. The recommended policy will categorize the types and sources of information in use for groundfish management, consider what new types of information may be available in the future, specify review requirements for new information before it can become part of the decision-making process, consider guidelines for replacing older information with new or updated information, and recommend an implementation time line that facilitates the groundfish management process while considering the magnitude of potential harm to the species of concern and disruption to the fishery that can result from untimely incorporation of new information. Specific topics that will be discussed at this meeting will be a schedule of new observer data reports, development of a policy for mid-term optimum yield adjustments during a biennial management cycle, development of a policy for inseason management adjustments, and development of a policy for considering data and models when deciding biennial specifications and management measures. No management actions will be decided by the GIPC. The GIPC's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Sacramento, California.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GIPC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal committee action during this meeting. Committee 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 GIPC'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 30, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 123004A]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Ad Hoc Allocation Committee; Public Meeting

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) Ad Hoc Allocation Committee (Committee) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to develop options for allocations and other management measures for the 2005-2006 Pacific Coast groundfish fishery and to consider allocation issues associated with development of an individual quota (or dedicated access) program initiative for the Pacific Coast groundfish trawl fishery.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2005, from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene Thursday, January 27, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Portland Airport, Cedars I and II Rooms, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: 503-460-3000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee meeting is to develop options for allocations and other management measures for the 2005-2006 Pacific Coast groundfish fishery and to consider allocation issues associated with development of an individual quota (or dedicated access) program initiative for the Pacific Coast groundfish trawl fishery. The Committee will discuss the types of provisions that may be necessary to prevent further overfishing, to reduce bycatch of overfished species in the various groundfish fisheries, and to reduce bycatch in nongroundfish fisheries. No management actions will be decided by the Committee. The Committee's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by the Council at its March 2005 meeting in Sacramento, CA.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Committee action during this meeting. Committee 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 Committee'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 Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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Alan D. Risenhoover,
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Cancellation of Textile Visa Requirements for Laos

December 30, 2004.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).