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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Data and Assessment Workshops

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR includes three workshops: (1) data workshop, (2) assessment workshop, and (3) review workshop. The product of the data workshop and the assessment workshop is a stock assessment report, which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment report is independently peer reviewed at the review workshop.

Review Workshop

The review workshop is an independent peer review of the assessment developed during the data and assessment workshops. Workshop panelists will review the assessment and produce a SEDAR Consensus Summary Report to document their consensus opinions and comments.

The products of the review workshop are a Consensus Summary Report, which reports Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data, and an Advisory Report, which summarizes the status of the stock. Participants for SEDAR workshops are appointed by the Regional Fishery Management Councils. 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.

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 Gulf of Mexico

Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five business days prior to each workshop.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012405A]

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) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. There will be a closed session on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. which is closed to all except GMT members, their designees, and others designated by the chair to discuss personnel matters. The GMT meeting will reconvene Wednesday, February 16 through Friday, February 18, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GMT meeting will be held at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Portland Downtown—Riverplace, Fremont Room, 2115 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR 97201. Telephone: 503-552-9500.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT meeting is to plan the GMT's annual schedule and strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2005 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2005. 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, discuss a new Pacific whiting stock assessment and develop recommended management measures for the 2005 whiting fishery, discuss implementation strategies for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 18, develop new data management tools, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. The GMT'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 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 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 GMT'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: January 24, 2005.

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

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Pelagics Plan Team; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council(Council) will hold a meeting of its Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) to discuss overfishing of Pacific bigeye tuna and to develop recommendations for future