

Fishery Management Council;
telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the STAR Panel meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons. No management actions will be decided by the STAR Panel. The STAR Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council at its June meeting in Foster City, CA.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STAR Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STAR 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 STAR Panel participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Entry to the Southwest Regional Office requires visitors to show a valid picture ID and register with security. A visitor's badge, which must be worn while at the Southwest Region Facility, will be issued to non-federal employees participating in the meeting.

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: April 4, 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. 040405A]

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

DATES: The Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 2, 2005, from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. The Committee meeting will reconvene Tuesday, May 3, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon at a location to be determined. The Pacific Fishery Management Council will distribute notice of the meeting location to interested parties on their groundfish mailing list and will post this information as well on their website at www.pcouncil.org.

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 Committee meeting is to consider allocational issues associated with development of an individual quota (or dedicated access) program initiative for the Pacific Coast groundfish trawl fishery, as well as initiatives pursuant to implementing bycatch reduction measures frameworked in Amendment 18 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. 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 June meeting in Foster City, California.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040105D]

National Marine Fisheries Service, Regional Fishery Management Council Chairs and Executive Directors Meeting; April 26-29, 2005

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is hosting the Regional Fishery Management Council (RFMC) Chairs and Executive Directors Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 through Friday, April 29, 2005, in Dana Point, California. The purpose of the meeting is to enable NMFS, NOAA, and other officials to exchange information with and obtain views of the Council Chairs and Executive Directors (CCED).

DATES: The CCED will meet April 26-29, 2005. There will be non-public administrative sessions on Tuesday, April 26, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, April 29, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The public general sessions will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2005 and Thursday, April 28, 2005, beginning each day at 8 a.m. through 5 p.m., or until business is concluded.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Laguna Cliffs Marriott Hotel, 25135 Park Lantern, Dana Point, California 92629; telephone 800-545-7483.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Regional Fishery Management CCED general session agenda for April 27-28, 2005, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Congressional Staff Briefing
- B. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Reauthorization and Associated Legislation
 - 1. Review 2002 Administration Positions and Current Administration Perspectives
 - 2. Review 2002 Council Chairs' Positions and Current Regional Councils' Positions
- C. Budget Issues
 - 1. RFMC Funding
 - 2. NMFS Funding Issues
 - 3. Schedule for Interim CCED Meeting on Budget Issues
- D. Ocean Commission Report: President's U.S. Ocean Action Plan
- E. Ecosystem Management Approaches
 - 1. NOAA-Councils Work Group Report on Guidelines
 - 2. NOAA Activities
 - 3. Councils Fishery Ecosystem Plan Update
- F. Council Member Training
- G. Next CCED Meeting

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Dated: April 4, 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. 030805B]

Endangered Species; File No. 1510

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Liberty Science Center (Richard Weddle, Principal Investigator), 251 Phillip Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07305, has been issued a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of enhancement through educational display.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 15, 2004, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (69 FR 75047) that a request for an enhancement permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The Liberty Science Center is authorized to receive and use five individual, captive-bred, non-releaseable shortnose sturgeon for an educational display exhibit. This project of displaying endangered captive bred shortnose sturgeon responds directly to a recommendation of the NMFS recovery outline for this species. In addition, the facility will formulate a public education program and exhibit to increase awareness of the shortnose sturgeon and its status. This project will educate the public on shortnose sturgeon life history and the reason for its declining numbers.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that this permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of the permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 31, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The CNO Executive Panel is to report the findings and recommendations of the East Asia Strategy Study Group to the Chief of Naval Operations. The meeting will consist of discussions on a maritime strategy for East Asia.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, April 22, 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Chief of Naval Operations office, Room 4E540, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Steve Vincent, CNO Executive Panel, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311, 703-681-4906.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.