

and minimize associated impacts on gag and other groupers: Secretarial Amendment 1 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan of the Gulf of Mexico established a rebuilding plan and 6.56 million pounds of gutted weight allowable biological catch for red grouper. During 2003 and 2004, recreational red grouper landings exceeded the 1.25 million pounds gutted weight recreational allocation and during 2004, commercial fishing was closed on November 15 because the commercial quota was reached. In March 2005, the NMFS implemented an emergency rule to set trip limits but they will expire in February 2006 unless continued through this regulatory amendment. In July 2005, the NMFS implemented an interim rule to reduce the 2005 recreational red grouper harvest to levels in Secretarial Amendment 1 but they will expire in January 2006 unless continued through this regulatory amendment. The purpose of this regulatory amendment is to adjust regulatory management measures for the Gulf of Mexico red grouper fishery. New or adjusted management measures are needed if the Council intends to reduce the adverse socioeconomic effects of derby fishing in the commercial fishery, return recreational landings to levels specified in the red grouper rebuilding plan, and prevent or minimize impacts on gag and other groupers resulting from more restrictive recreational red grouper regulations.

A copy of the Amendment and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: August 18, 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. 081705C]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scallop Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The two-day meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, September 8, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 407 Squire Road, Revere, MA 02151; telephone: (781) 284-7200.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

Wednesday, September 7, 2005, at 9 a.m.

The Oversight Committee will review the analysis of alternatives in Framework Adjustment 18 (FW 18) and identify preferred alternatives. The Council will take a final vote on these recommendations when it meets on September 13-15, 2005 in Fairhaven, MA. FW 18 includes alternatives addressing the following: area rotation measures; specifications for trip and days-at-sea (DAS) allocations in 2006 and 2007; a proposed Notice Action procedure to adjust 2007 Elephant Trunk Area and open area allocations based on surveys of scallop biomass; measures to constrain the growth of the general category scallop fishery; an

increase in the crew limits for controlled access area trips; a new bycatch data collection and monitoring program; changes in controlled access area trip exchange measures and deadlines; a measure to further liberalize the broken trip exemption program, and changes in the research set-aside program.

Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 8:30 a.m.

Continuation of above agenda. 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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081805A]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet September 18-23, 2005. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, September 19, at 4 p.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public,

except a closed session will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 19 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport, 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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda

B. Administrative Matters

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

2. Council Meeting Agenda Planning
3. Legislative Matters
4. Fiscal Matters
5. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums
6. Work Load Priorities and Draft November 2005 Council Meeting Agenda

C. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. NMFS Report
2. Bigeye Tuna Overfishing Response Update
3. Proposed Council Operating Procedure for Approving Exempted Fishing Permits for Highly Migratory Species

D. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Proposed Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations
2. Pacific Halibut Bycatch Estimate for the International Pacific Halibut Commission

E. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues

F. Groundfish Management

1. Status of 2005 Groundfish Fisheries and Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
2. NMFS Report
3. Amendment 18 (Bycatch)
4. Amendment 19 (Essential Fish Habitat)
5. Final Consideration of Inseason Adjustments, If Necessary
6. Process and Schedule for 2007-2008 Biennial Management Specifications Adoption
7. Rebuilding Plan Revision Policy
8. Stock Assessments for 2007-2008 Groundfish Fisheries
9. Management Specifications for Spiny Dogfish and Pacific Cod for 2006

G. Salmon Management

1. Klamath River Fall Chinook Conservation Objective
2. Salmon Methodology Review

H. Marine Protected Areas

1. Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, September 18, 2005	
Groundfish Management Team	1 p.m.
MONDAY, September 19, 2005	
Council Secretariat	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Habitat Committee	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Model Evaluation Workgroup	9 a.m.
Special Briefing: Groundfish Stock Assessments - A Summary by Northwest Fisheries Science Center	9 a.m.
Legislative Committee	10:30 a.m.
Budget Committee	1 p.m.
Special Presentation: "Common Ground: Oregon's Ocean" (Green Fire Productions Marine Habitat Protection Video)	5 p.m.
Enforcement Consultants	5:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, September 20, 2005	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary
WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2005	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary
THURSDAY, September 22, 2005	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary
FRIDAY, September 23, 2005	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081605B]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of applications for scientific research permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received two scientific research permit applications (1533 and