

intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

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**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 1, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022806B]

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 (MPA)/Ecosystem Committee in March, 2006 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, March 20, 2006, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747-4900; fax: (508) 746-5386.

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 Committee will review and recommend for Council consideration Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) designation alternatives for inclusion in Phase 1 of the EFH Omnibus Amendment. In addition, the committee will be briefed on any proposed non-fishing projects that may adversely affect EFH in the northeast U.S. and will discuss the EFH consultation elevation process, and they may also be briefed on the progress and status of ecosystem-based fisheries management within the National Marine Fisheries Service. Other topics may be covered at the committee's discretion.

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

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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022806C]

North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Charter Halibut Stakeholder Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 21-23, 2006. The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Dillingham Room, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Halibut Stakeholder Committee will identify common principles and goals to develop a problem statement and define two alternatives for a future analysis. One alternative would be an allocation based program. Elements to be included in the plan should include, but not be limited to:

1. A percentage based allocation that would float up and down with abundance in a fashion similar to the commercial longline Total Allowable Catch (TAC);

2. Subdivision of Area 2C and 3A into smaller geographic sub-districts, including time certain establishment of local area management plans (LAMPs) and super-exclusive registration areas;

3. Management measures that will be used to enforce the allocation, including:

a. the current suite of measures to reduce harvests under the Guideline Harvest Level (GHL) (i.e., one trip per vessel per day, no harvest by skipper and crew, and annual limit of 5 or 6 fish per person (for Area 2C only));

b. Measures being pursued by the State of Alaska in 2006, including:

i. a halibut reporting requirement in charter boat logbooks with methodology to ensure accuracy;

ii. a proposed regulation to the Board of Fish to prohibit retention or harvest of fish by skipper and crew members when clients are on board; and

iii. limit the number of lines fished to the number of clients;

c. Other annual bag limits;

d. Limitations on days fished (either total number of days or by excluding specific days of the week);

e. Reduced daily limits including size limitations for the second fish caught;

f. Subtraction of any allocation exceedence from the following year's allocation;

g. Federal moratorium or control date of December 9, 2006 and/or a State limited entry program with delayed transferability;

h. Mechanisms which, if the charter harvest continues to grow, would allow

for an orderly and compensated allocation shift from the longline sector to the charter sector, including the use of a charter stamp, which would generate funds to pay for management of the charter fishery and to buy longline shares to be converted into the charter allocation;

i. Exploration of delegation of some management aspects of the halibut sport fishery, including the charter sector, to the State of Alaska.

A second alternative would be a modified Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program, including, but not be limited to:

1. The elements of the previously proposed (2001) charter Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program;

2. A modified IFQ program, including, but not be limited to, addressing potential legal vulnerabilities that may exist in the 2001 IFQ program. Such approaches might include a “leveling” plan, other effort based mechanisms to update 1998 and 1999 history, new history approaches, an effort based transferable seat program, or other options;

3. Subdivision of Area 2C and 3A into smaller geographic sub-districts, including time certain establishment of LAMPs;

4. The use of a moratorium or control date of December 9, 2006; and

5. Other elements to be identified by the committee.

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022806E]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public workshop on the development of the analysis for the groundfish trawl individual quota program alternatives to be considered by the Council.

DATES: The public workshop will begin Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. and may go into the evening if necessary to complete business for the day; reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, continuing until business for the day is completed; and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday April 20, 2006, continuing until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Oak Room, 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: Mr. Jim Seger, Staff Officer (Economist); telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the workshop is to review and receive comments from the public and Council advisory bodies on the first stage of the draft analytical package being developed by Northern Economics Incorporated to support the Council's consideration of individual quotas for the West Coast groundfish trawl fishery.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this workshop agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The 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.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[No. DoD-2006-OS-0024]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces the extension of an existing public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and/or RIN number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available