

- b. Report on the International Scientific Committee for tuna and tuna like species in the North Pacific, including stock assessments for North Pacific albacore tuna, northern bluefin tuna and striped marlin
- 6. Management options for bigeye tuna catches by the Hawaii tuna longline fishery
- 7. Management options for the Hawaii swordfish longline fishery
- 8. Fishing effort increase in the Hawaii longline fishery
- 9. Hawaii offshore mixed line fisheries for tunas
- 10. South Pacific albacore fisheries
- 11. Other business

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The PPT will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

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Special Accommodations

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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. 033106D]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 132nd meeting to consider and take final action on recommendations to limit fishing in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). The Council will also hold a public hearing during this 132nd Council meeting.

DATES: The 132nd Council meeting and public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2006. For specific dates, times and locations of the public hearing, and the agenda for the 132nd Council meeting, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The 132nd Council meeting and public hearing will be held at the Council's office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813. The 132nd Council meeting telephone conference call-in-number is: (866) 867-8289, passcode 1683776. For Guam and International Participants, the call-in-number is: (813) 276-1442, passcode 1683776.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220; fax: (808) 522-8226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

On January 18, 2006, the Council was informed by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, that NOAA is developing alternatives in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed NWHI National Marine Sanctuary that would enable the Council to continue to recommend management measures to limit bottomfish and pelagic fisheries through regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), consistent with the goals and objectives of the proposed sanctuary. While the preferred alternative has not been selected, the range of alternatives under consideration includes a regulatory regime allowing commercial bottomfishing and non-longline pelagic fishing to continue either: (1) indefinitely, (2) until 2025, or (3) for 5 years with a ban on fishing thereafter.

The Council was also informed that if, by May 1, 2006, it transmits for Secretarial review, an amendment to the Bottomfish and Pelagics Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) and corresponding proposed regulations implementing limits to bottomfish and pelagic fishing, NOAA may review those Magnuson-Stevens Act regulations

as potential mechanisms to implement NOAA's preferred alternative for the proposed sanctuary, rather than implementing the alternative via the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

At its 131st Council meeting held March 13-16, 2006, the Council took initial action and recommended that limited fishing be allowed in federal waters of the proposed NWHI National Marine Sanctuary and managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (except for recreational fishing at Midway Atoll), consistent with all codified federal regulations and subject to the following restrictions:

- a. A closure be established indefinitely for all harvests of crustacean, precious coral and coral reef ecosystem species;
- b. All commercial and recreational fishing be subject to Magnuson-Stevens Act permit and logbook reporting requirements
- c. Recreational fishing permits be issued on a case-by case basis, and that the Council will evaluate the need for further management;
- d. Limited-entry NWHI bottomfish permits be capped at 14, with 7 permits for the Ho'omaluhia Zone and 7 permits for the Mau Zone (the two Community Development Program permits for indigenous use to be included in the latter and issued as previously recommended by the Council);
- e. The annual bottomfish catch be limited to 381,500 lbs (85% of Maximum Sustainable Yield);
- f. Non-longline commercial pelagic fishing permits be capped at three (3);
- g. The annual commercial pelagic catch by the non-longline pelagic fishery and the limited-entry bottomfish fishery be limited to 180,000 lbs.;
- h. No-take Marine Protected Areas be established around French Frigate Shoals and West of 174 W longitude;
- i. The use-or-lose requirements for renewal of commercial bottomfish permits be removed;
- j. Relinquished or revoked commercial bottomfish permits be reissued by NMFS in accordance with the existing procedures for Ho'omaluhia Zone permits and as described in the Council's previous recommendation for Mau Zone permits; and
- k. Federally permitted research regarding fishery and ecosystem conservation and management would be allowed in Federal waters.

The Council will consider final action on these proposed limits to fishing in the NWHI at this 132nd meeting.

132nd Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 20, 2006, 1 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Limits to Fishing in the NWHI
4. Public Hearing
5. Council Discussion and Action
6. Other Business

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board 2006 Summer Study will meet in closed session on August 7-18, 2006; at the Beckman Center, Irvine, CA. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board will discuss interim findings and recommendations resulting from two ongoing Task Force activities: 21st Century Strategic Technology Vectors and Information Management for Net-Centric Operations.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology

and Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Board will develop recommendations regarding: the operational value enabled by networks and networking and their impact on innovations across the Enterprise; the underlying framework, architecture, processes and organizational structures that are in place or being pursued to deliver the power of information to the DoD enterprise as well as potential external partners; and the state of the art in knowledge utilization.

The Board will also review and develop recommendations regarding: previous attempts by DoD to identify critical technologies in order to derive lessons that would help illuminate the current challenge; identify the National Security objectives for the 21st century and the operational missions that U.S. military will be called upon to support these objectives; identify new operational capabilities needed for the proposed missions; identify the critical science technology, and other related enablers of the desired capabilities; assess current S&T investment plans' relevance to the needed operational capabilities and enablers and recommend needed changes to the plans; identify mechanisms to accelerate and assure the transition of technology into U.S. military capabilities; and review and recommend changes as needed, the current processes by which national security objectives and needed operational capabilities are used to develop and prioritize science, technology, and other related enablers, and how those enablers are then developed.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Debra Rose, Executive Officer, Defense Science Board, 3140 Defense Pentagon, Room 3C553, Washington, DC 20301-3140, via e-mail at debra.rose@osd.mil, or via phone at (703) 571-0084.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for a Permit Application for the Berths 136-147 Terminal Improvement Project, Also Known as the TraPac Container Terminal in the Port of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, CA

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Los Angeles District in conjunction with the Los Angeles Harbor Department (Port) is examining the feasibility of waterside, terminal and transportation improvements at Berths 136-147 in the Port of Los Angeles. The Corps is considering the Port's application for a Department of the Army permit under Clean Water Act section 404 and River and Harbor Act section 10 to conduct dredge and fill activities and construct one new wharf approximately 705 feet and seismically upgrade two wharves approximately 3,022 feet in length associated with the proposed project.

Major project elements to be covered in the Draft EIS/EIR include: wharf construction and landside improvements. The landside developments will include expansion, redevelopment and construction of marine terminal facilities, and transportation infrastructure improvements including construction of grade separations, and potential realignment of road and railways.

The primary Federal involvement is the discharge of dredge and/or fill materials within waters of the United States, work (e.g. dredging) and structures in or affecting navigable waters of the United States, and potential impacts on the human environment from such activities. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps is requiring the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prior to rendering a final decision on the Port's permit application. The Corps may ultimately make a determination to permit or deny the above project or permit or deny modified versions of the above project.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Port will serve as Lead Agency for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact