

meeting. The Bycatch Committee will discuss measures to reduce bycatch mortality in recreational fisheries and review the status of the Council's Bycatch educational outreach initiative. Following these Committee meetings, there will be an awards presentation to recognize the recipient of the 2007 Ricks E Savage Award. The Council will then convene to receive various reports, receive a presentation regarding the New England Council's HAPC Initiative, and review and approve Monkfish Framework 6 for Secretarial submission.

Thursday, April 10—The Demersal Committee will review the purpose and need of the current list of potential actions to be addressed by Amendment 15. The Council will then review preferences for management alternatives based on public comments received for Tilefish Amendment 1, discuss and adopt preferred alternatives to be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) supporting Tilefish Amendment 1, and approve Amendment 1 and associated FEIS for Secretarial submission. The Council will then receive Committee Reports, and consider any continuing or new business.

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Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 April 6–12, 2008. The Council meeting will begin on Monday, April 7, at 12:30 p.m., reconvening each day through Saturday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7 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 Seattle Marriott Hotel, 3201 South 176th Street, Seattle, WA 98188; telephone: (206) 241-2000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, 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 and Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda

B. Open Public Comment

Comments on Non-Agenda Items

C. Administrative Matters

1. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
2. Legislative Matters
3. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Implementation

4. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

D. Enforcement Issues

Fishery Enforcement Activity Report

E. Habitat

Current Habitat Issues

F. Salmon Management

1. Tentative Adoption of 2008 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

2. Clarify Council Direction on 2008 Management Measures

3. Pacific Salmon Commission Coded-Wire Tag Workgroup Report

4. Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection for 2008

5. Final Action on 2008 Management Measures

6. Clarify Final Action on 2008 Management Measures

G. Pacific Halibut Management

Incidental Catch Regulations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries

H. Groundfish Management

1. Management Specifications for 2009–2010 Fisheries

2. NMFS Report

3. Fishery Management Plan

Amendment 21: Intersector Allocation

4. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

5. Part I of Management Measures for 2009–2010 Fisheries

6. Part II of Management Measures for 2009–2010 Fisheries

7. Final Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

I. Marine Protected Areas

1. Proposals for New Marine Protected Areas in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

2. Olympic Coastal National Marine Sanctuary Condition Report

J. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. NMFS Report

2. Recommendations to the U.S. Section of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

3. Exempted Fishing Permit for Longline Fishing in the West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

1 p.m..
1 p.m..
1 p.m..
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7 a.m..

SUNDAY, April 6, 2008

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel
Groundfish Management Team
Legislative Committee

MONDAY, April 7, 2008
Council Secretariat

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—Continued

California State Delegation	7 a.m..
Oregon 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..
Habitat Committee	9 a.m..
Enforcement Consultants	4:30 p.m..
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
TUESDAY, April 8, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m..
California State Delegation	7 a.m..
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m..
Enforcement Consultants	8 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..
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m..
California State Delegation	7 a.m..
Oregon 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..
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
THURSDAY, April 10, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m..
California State Delegation	7 a.m..
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m..
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m..
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m..
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m..
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m..
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m..
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m..
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
FRIDAY, April 11, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m..
California State Delegation	7 a.m..
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m..
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m..
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m..
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m..
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m..
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m..
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m..
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
SATURDAY, April 12, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m..
California State Delegation	7 a.m..
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m..
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Allocation Committee.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Allocation Committee in North Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meeting will take place April 8-9, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Southern Wesleyan University, Classroom 6, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 301, North Charleston, SC 29406.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free

(866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Allocation Committee meeting will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 8, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 9, 2008.

The Committee will continue to work on alternatives for consideration in the Council's draft Comprehensive Allocation Amendment. The amendment addresses allocations between recreational and commercial fishing sectors. The amendment currently includes alternatives to determine allocations based on (1) Landings data from the National Marine Fisheries Service or Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program, (2) Catch data from stock assessments (including discard mortality), (3) the Council's Judgement on Fairness and Equity, and (4) detailed economic and social analysis. The Committee will receive a report on social projects/data collection completed or planned for the South Atlantic region, an overview of previous management actions and how reductions in harvest were applied to each sector, and a presentation on the applicability of certain economic models that may prove useful for helping to determine allocations for species managed by the Council.

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Special Accommodations

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Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: March 18, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 140th meeting to consider and take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The 140th Council meeting and public hearings will be held on March 17-18, 2008 in Guam and March 20-21, 2008 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). For specific times and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The 140th Council meeting and public hearings will be held at the Guam Hilton, 202 Hilton Road, Tumon Bay, Guam, 96913; telephone: 671-646-1835; and the Fiesta Resort and SPA Saipan, P.O. Box 501029, Saipan, MP, 96950; telephone: 670-234-6418.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Council will hear recommendations from other Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Council will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for Council Standing Committee Meetings

Monday, March 17, 2008

Standing Committee Meetings

1. 7:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Executive and Budget Standing Committee
 2. 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Pelagics Ecosystem and International Fisheries Standing Committee
 3. 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Program Planning Standing Committee
- The agenda during the full Council meeting will include the items listed here.