

Seattle, WA. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Leif Erikson Hall, 2245 NW 57th Street, 3rd Floor, Norna Room, Seattle, WA 98107 (in Ballard); telephone: (206) 783-1274.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Diana Stram, Council Staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PNCIAC will review the Metadata table and related documentation, which is part of the mandatory economic data reporting (EDR) process for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Crab Rationalization program. The PNCIAC will develop recommendations and report back to the Council.

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.

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.

Dated: April 29, 2008.

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

RIN: 0648-XH61

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 (Council) Ecosystem Committee will meet in Seattle, WA..

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 20, 2008, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Swedish Culture Center, 1920 Dexter Avenue N., Seattle, WA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will be as follows: Review progress on the Arctic Fishery Management Plan; Review staff discussion paper on further implementation of the Aleutian Islands Fishery Ecosystem Plan, and approach to identifying desirable/undesirable states of the ecosystem; Review the NOAA Integrated Services Plan.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Ocean Bottom Cable Seismic Survey in the Liberty Prospect, Beaufort Sea, Alaska in 2008

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental take authorization; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc. (BPXA) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals incidental to a 3D, ocean bottom cable (OBC) seismic survey in the Liberty Prospect, Beaufort Sea, Alaska in 2008. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an IHA to BPXA to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of several species of marine mammals between July and October, 2008, during the aforementioned activity.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than June 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. The mailbox address for providing email comments is PR1.0648XH53@noaa.gov. Comments sent via e-mail, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to the address specified above, telephoning the contact listed below (**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or visiting the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications>.

Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

A copy of the 2006 Minerals Management Service's (MMS) Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and/or the NMFS/MMS Draft Programmatic