

priorities, evaluations of several final cooperative research project final reports and possible revisions to the evaluation criteria used to review those reports. The Scientific and Statistical Committee will provide advice to the Council on Amendment 3 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (FMP), its recommendations on the NEFMC's five-year research priorities and its comments on the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued by NMFS concerning National Standard 2. The Council will adjourn for the day following a report from the Joint Mid-Atlantic/New England Council Spiny Dogfish Committee. This will be the final meeting to consider Framework Adjustment 2 to the Dogfish FMP, an action that would allow consideration of alternatives to adjust stock status determination criteria. The Council also will consider dogfish management measures for the 2009/10 fishing years and possibly thereafter.

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

The Skate Committee will ask the Council to approve final measures for inclusion in Skate Amendment 3 which will implement annual catch limits and accountability measures as well as an annual review and biennial specification process. The Groundfish Committee will ask for approval of management measures for further development and analysis as part of Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. This agenda item will continue until the meeting adjourns for the day.

Thursday, November 20, 2008

The Council will address and prioritize management actions for the remainder of 2008 and 2009. This process will be followed by an update from the Habitat Committee on Essential Fish Habitat Omnibus 2. Information provided will include an overview of the vulnerability assessment concerning the adverse impacts of fishing, selected preliminary results, a timeline and discussion of future work. This report will be followed by a presentation on ecosystem considerations relative to the development of fishery management plans and a report on scallop vessel incidental catch of yellowtail flounder. The Scallop Committee will then discuss and approve a response to the most recent NMFS Biological Opinion for the Scallop FMP concerning sea turtle interactions and review a list of alternatives under consideration for Amendment 15 to the Scallop FMP. The Council may narrow the range of measures for inclusion in the action.

Finally, the Council will address any other outstanding business prior to adjournment until its next meeting.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during these meetings. Council 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meetings will be held November 17-21, 2008. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, November 17, 2008 and continue through Friday, November 21, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Observer Training Room (GOA Plan Team) and Traynor Room (BS/AI Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo or Diana Stram, NPFMC, (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan teams will prepare and review the stock assessments for groundfish fisheries in the BSAI and GOA and recommend catch specifications for 2009/10. Agenda posted on website at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: October 28, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Submission for OMB review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 1, 2008.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: DoD Building Pass Application; DD Form 2249; OMB Number 0704-0328.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 120,000.