

a baseline environmental assessment of the proposed site prior to permit review by NMFS. If a permit is authorized, permittees would have to conduct routine monitoring of a site based on NMFS protocols and procedures developed in coordination with other federal agencies. Aquaculture operations would also be required to report to NMFS within 24 hours of the discovery of: major escapement; entanglements or interactions with marine mammals, endangered species and migratory birds; and findings or suspected findings of pathogens.

*Comment 8:* Has NMFS considered harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the non-fishing impacts section?

*Response:* While HABs are a concern for a number of species, in general they are less likely to affect habitat for HMS because HABs tend to occur closer to shore in areas where HMS are less likely to occur. In addition, given their highly mobile nature, HMS are more likely to avoid prolonged contact with HABs in affected areas. However, NMFS considers this an important issue and has included additional information on HABs in the non-fishing impact section of the FEIS.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XP78**

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting/Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice of three public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Three Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel meetings will be held to review new assessments for groundfish species. The first STAR Panel meeting will review new assessments for bocaccio and widow rockfish. The second STAR Panel meeting will review new assessments for lingcod and cabezon. The third STAR Panel meeting will review new assessments for yelloweye and greenstriped rockfish. All three

STAR Panel meetings are work sessions which are open to the public.

**DATES:** The bocaccio and widow rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, July 13, 2009. The meeting will continue on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 beginning at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, July 17, 2009. The meeting will end at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

The lingcod and cabezon STAR Panel meeting will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, July 27, 2009. The meeting will continue on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 beginning at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, July 31, 2009. The meeting will end at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

The yelloweye and greenstriped rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, August 3, 2009. The meeting will continue on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 beginning at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, August 7, 2009. The meeting will end at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

**ADDRESSES:** The bocaccio and widow rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Meeting Room 188, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: (831) 420-3900.

The lingcod and cabezon STAR Panel meeting, as well as the yelloweye and greenstriped rockfish STAR Panel meeting, will be held at the Hotel Deca, 4507 Brooklyn Avenue N.E., Seattle WA 98105; telephone: 1-800-899-0251.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC); telephone: (206) 437-5670; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the three STAR Panel meetings is to review draft stock assessment documents for these species and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions, and produce STAR Panel reports for use by the Council family and other interested persons. No management actions will be decided by these STAR Panels. The STAR Panels' role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council at its September meeting in Foster City, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the STAR Panel

participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STAR Panel action during these meetings. STAR Panel 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 STAR Panel participants' 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 9, 2009.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XP77**

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) will hold a meeting to initiate planning and make assignments for developing an overfishing review for Queets River and Strait of Juan de Fuca natural coho. STT meeting to be held June 30, 2009 to plan development of an assessment of the causes and implications of Queets River and Strait of Juan de Fuca natural coho stocks failing to meet their conservation objective for three consecutive years. This meeting of the STT is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 30, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife office, located in the Natural Resources Building at 1111 Washington