

trip if two statistical areas are sampled on the same trip.

Also under the NEFSC Groundfish project, Georges Bank (GB) haddock maturity and fecundity data would be collected. NEFSC is requesting an EFP to collect one tote of undersized haddock for sampling. The vessels would deliver up to five totes of fish (600 lb, 272.16 kg), four of which would contain legal sized fish, and one of which would contain undersized fish. The fish would be whole and iced. The total amount of GB haddock that would be authorized under this EFP would not exceed 1,300 lb (589.67 kg). NEFSC staff would meet the captain at the dock to collect the fish. None of the fish would be sold into the food market.

For the GMRI Monkfish project, fishermen would report their entire catch, kept and discarded, on one trip every 2 weeks during the 8 month study period, for a total of between 160 and 200 Days At Sea (DAS). The project would require the biological sampling EFP to allow fishermen to retain the entire monkfish catch on the last tow for two trips per month for 8 months on five vessels, resulting in 80 separate samples, not to exceed 550 lb (249.48 kg) of monkfish per sample. Each sample would be delivered to a GMRI sampler who would separate legal and undersized fish, weigh each portion and sub-sample for length frequencies and other biological information. Legal sized fish would be allowed to be sold by the vessel, but undersized fish would be retained by GMRI. It is estimated that the amount of undersized fish for the 80 samples would not exceed 4,800 lb (2,177.24 kg).

The applicant may make requests to NMFS for minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted by NMFS without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and result in only a minimal change in the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. In accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-6, a Categorical Exclusion or other appropriate NEPA document would be completed prior to the issuance of the EFP. Further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. After publication of this document in the **Federal Register**, the EFP, if approved, may become effective following a 15-day public comment period.

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

Dated: June 26, 2009.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XQ13

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 Fisheries Data Coordinating Committee (FDCC), 101st Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and 145th Council meetings to take recommendations and action on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The FDCC will be held on July 19, The 101st SSC Meeting will be held on July 20-22, 2009 and the 145th Council meeting will be held on July 22-25, 2009. All meetings will be held in Kona, HI. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The SSC and Council meetings will be held at the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740; telephone: (808) 329-2911.

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

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

Schedule for FDCC Meeting:

Sunday, July 19, 2009, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Schedule and Agenda for 101 SSC Meeting:

Monday, July 20, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
 3. Status of the 100th SSC Meeting Recommendations
 4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC)
 5. Program Planning
 - A. Recommendations on Fishing Regulations for Pacific Monuments (Action Item)
 - B. Instituting Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPs or Catch Shares) for the Western Pacific Region
 - C. PIFSC Coral Reef Ecosystem Division (CRED) Surveys
 1. Review of CRED Survey Methodologies
 2. Modifications to CRED Surveys
 - D. Vulnerability Evaluation Working Group Final Report
 - E. Research
 1. Five-Year Research Priorities
 - F. Public Comment
 - G. Discussion and Recommendations
 6. Insular Fisheries
 - A. Hawaii Archipelago
 1. Recommendations for Hancock Groundfish Moratorium (Action Item)
 2. Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) Stock Assessment Review
 3. Recommendations on Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Bottomfish Total Allowable Catch (TAC) (Action Item)
 4. Recommendations on MHI Bottomfish LAPP (Action Item)
 - B. American Samoa Archipelago
 1. Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Coral Recovery
 - C. Setting Allowable Biological Catches (ABCs) for Insular Stocks
 - D. Public Comment
 - E. Discussion and Recommendations
- Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.*
7. Pelagic Fisheries
 - A. Recent Changes at the Top and Bottom of the North Pacific Pelagic Ecosystem
 - B. Preliminary Oceanographic Characterization of Ocean Slicks off Kona
 - C. Longline Management
 1. Update on Hawaii Shallow-set Fishery
 2. Tuna Quota Management
 - a. Update on 2009 Longline and Purse Seine Tuna Quota
 - b. Recommendations on Tuna Quota Management (Action Item)
 3. Recommendations on Tuna Quota Monitoring (Action Item)
 - D. Non-Longline Management (Action Item)
 1. Recommendations on Cross Seamount/NOAA Weather Buoy Fishery Limited Entry Program & New Control Date

E. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Quarterly Reports
 F. International Fisheries/Meetings
 1. Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Conservation and Management Measures
 2. Report of the Second Tuna Regional Fishery Management Organizations (RFMOs) Meeting
 G. Public Comment
 H. Discussion and Recommendations
 8. Protected Species
 A. Report on Marine Mammal Advisory Committee Meeting
 B. Take Reduction Team for False Killer Whales
 C. ESA consultation for American Samoa Longline Fishery
 D. Monk Seal Critical Habitat Determination
 E. Stock Definitions and Assessments for Marine Mammals
 F. Sea Turtle Analysis For Offsetting Fishery Impacts
 G. Turtle Conservation Program
 H. NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) Sea Turtle Program and Regional Management Plan
 I. Public Comment
 J. Discussion and Recommendations

Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

9. Other Business
 A. Gap Analysis of the National System of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

B. 102nd SSC Meeting
 10. Summary of SSC

Recommendations to the Council

Schedule for 145th Council Meeting Standing Committees:

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

1. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.: Pelagic and International Standing Committee

2. 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Executive and Budget Standing Committee

Schedule and Agenda for 145th Council Meeting:

Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

1. Introductions
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Approval of 144th Meeting Minutes
 4. Agency Reports
 A. National Marine Fisheries Service
 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
 B. NOAA General Counsel
 C. NOAA National Marine Sanctuary
 D. President Obama's Ocean Initiatives
 E. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 F. State Department
 G. National Weather Service

H. Enforcement
 1. U.S. Coast Guard
 2. NOAA Office for Law Enforcement
 3. Status of Violations
 I. Public Comment
 J. Council Discussion and Action

Thursday, July 23, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Using ecosystem models for fishery management
 5. American Samoa Archipelago Fisheries

A. Motu Lipoti
 B. Enforcement Report
 C. Community Issues
 1. Impacts of Chicken of the Sea Samoa Packing Cannery Closure
 2. Responsible Fishery Development
 a. Department of Commerce Fishery Development Meetings
 b. Governor's Economic Advisory Council

D. Education and Outreach Report
 E. Fono Report
 F. SSC Recommendations
 G. Public Comment
 H. Council Discussion and Action

6. Mariana Archipelago Fisheries

A. Island Reports
 1. Arongol Faleey
 2. Isla Informe
 B. Enforcement Report

1. CNMI
 2. Guam
 C. Community Issues
 1. Impacts of Marianas Training Range Complex & Farallon de Medinilla Restrictions

2. Impacts of Guam Buildup
 3. Responsible Fishery Development
 a. CNMI
 b. Guam
 D. Education and Outreach Reports

1. CNMI
 2. Guam
 E. Legislative Reports
 F. Marianas Advisory Panel Recommendations

G. Marianas Plan Team Recommendations
 H. Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Recommendations

1. CNMI
 2. Guam
 I. SSC Recommendations
 J. Public Comment
 K. Council Discussion and Action
 7. Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Area Fisheries

A. Moku Pepa
 B. Enforcement Report
 C. Community Issues
 1. Aha Kirole Report
 D. Hawaii Advisory Group Reports
 1. Hawaii Advisory Panel
 2. Archipelagic Plan Team
 3. Hawaii Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Report

E. Hawaii Education Report
 F. Legislative Report
 G. SSC Recommendations
 H. Public Comment
 I. Council Discussion and Action
 8. Pelagic and International Fisheries
 A. Longline Fishery Quarterly Reports
 1. American Samoa Longline Fishery
 2. Hawaii Longline Limited-entry Longline Fishery
 B. Update on Hawaii Shallow-set Longline Fishery
 C. International Game Fishing Association Marlin Initiative
 D. International Education Report
 E. Memorandum of Understanding Update

F. International Fisheries/Meetings
 1. IATTC
 2. North Pacific Seamount RFMO
 3. 2nd Joint Meeting of Tuna RFMO
 G. Marine Mammal Advisory Committee Recommendations
 H. Advisory Group Recommendations
 1. Pelagic Plan Team Recommendations
 2. Pelagic Advisory Panel Recommendations
 I. SSC Recommendations
 J. Pelagics and International Standing Committee Recommendations
 K. Public Comment
 M. Council Discussion and Action

Thursday, July 23, 2009, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

9. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Thursday, July 23, 2009, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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Friday, July 24, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

10. Action Items
 A. Program Planning
 1. Recommendations on Fishing Regulations in the Pacific Marine National Monuments
 2. Advisory Group Recommendations
 3. SSC Recommendations
 4. Public Comment
 5. Council Discussion and Action
 B. Insular Fisheries
 1. Recommendations on the Hancock Seamount Groundfish Moratorium
 2. Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish
 a. Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review of the Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery
 b. Recommendations on Total Allowable Catch for Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish 2009-10 Season
 c. Recommendations on Catch Shares
 3. Recommendations on Annual Catch Limits
 4. Advisory Group Recommendations

- 5. SSC Recommendations
- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Council Discussion and Action
- C. Pelagic and International Fisheries
 - 1. Recommendations on Cross Seamount/NOAA Weather Buoy Fishery Limited Entry Program and Control Date
 - 2. Longline Fisheries
 - a. Recommendations on Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Quota Management
 - b. Recommendations on Tuna Quota Monitoring
 - c. Recommendations on Catch Shares
 - 3. Advisory Group Recommendations
 - 4. SSC Recommendations
 - 5. Pelagic & International Standing Committee Recommendations
 - 6. Public Comment
 - 7. Council Discussion and Action

Saturday, July 25, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- 11. Program Planning and Research
 - A. National and International Education and Outreach Reports
 - B. Research
 - 1. Update on 2009 Cooperative Research Funding and Projects
 - 2. Cooperative Research Process and Priorities
 - 3. Five-Year Research Priorities
 - C. Update on National Legislation
 - D. Update on Status of Fishery Management Plan Actions
 - E. Advisory Group Recommendations
 - 1. Hawaii Advisory Panel
 - 2. Marianas Advisory Panel
 - 4. Hawaii Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team
 - 5. Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team
 - 6. Marianas Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team
 - 7. Hawaii Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 8. CNMI Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - 9. Guam Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee
 - F. SSC Recommendations
 - G. Standing Committee Recommendation
 - H. Public Comment
 - I. Council Discussion and Action
 - 12. Administrative Matters and Budgets
 - A. Financial Report
 - 1. Five-year Budget and Program 2010-14
 - B. Administrative Report
 - C. Meetings and Workshops (Calendar)
 - 1. Council Coordinating Committee Meeting Report
 - D. Council Family Changes
 - 1. Neighbor Island Advisory Panel Additions
 - 2. Changes to Social Science Research Planning Committee

- 3. Changes to CNMI Advisory Panel
 - E. Recommendations on Changes to Standard Operation Practices and Procedures (SOPP)
 - F. Response to GAO Recommendations.
 - G. Standing Committee Recommendations
 - H. Public Comment
 - I. Council Discussion and Action
- Other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion and formal Council action during its 145th meeting. However, Council action on regulatory issues will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any regulatory issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take 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 Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket Number: 090318324-91088-03]

Technology Innovation Program Extension of Due Date for Proposals

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Due to technical difficulties, NIST is extending the deadline for proposal submission for its Technology Innovation Program competition to 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, July 7, 2009. NIST will accept only paper submissions during the extended time period.

DATES: Paper submissions must be received no later than 3 p.m. Eastern

Time, Tuesday, July 7, 2009. Review, selection, and grant award processing is expected to be completed by the end of November 2009.

ADDRESSES: Paper submissions must be sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4750, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Wiggins via e-mail at thomas.wiggins@nist.gov or telephone (301) 975-5416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On March 31, 2009, the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Technology Innovation Program (TIP) announced that it was soliciting high-risk, high reward research and development proposals for financial assistance (74 FR 14523). The due date for submission of all proposals was 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Due to technical difficulties some proposers were unable to submit their proposals electronically on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. In order to provide all interested parties the opportunity to submit a proposal for TIP, NIST is extending the solicitation period until 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, July 7, 2009. Electronic proposals received between 3 p.m. and 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 23, 2009 will be deemed timely and given full consideration. Paper proposals received between 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 and July 2, 2009 will be deemed timely and given full consideration. During the extended solicitation period, NIST will accept only paper submissions. Proposers who attempted to submit electronic proposals but were unsuccessful are encouraged to resubmit their proposals by paper. Paper submissions must be received by 3 p.m. Eastern Time, July 7, 2009. Please note that for paper submissions the Program requires one original and fifteen (15) copies of the proposal.

The proposal submission deadline applies to any mode of paper proposal delivery, including hand-delivery, courier, and express mailing, but not facsimile. Proposals submitted via facsimile will not be accepted. NIST will not make any allowances for late submissions. All TIP competition requirements and information announced in the March 31, 2009, **Federal Register** notice and in the Tuesday, May 19, 2009 **Federal Register** notice amendment (74 FR 23396) apply to proposals submitted during the extended time period with the exception of the review, selection, and award processing time that is now expected to be completed by late