President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee makes its recommendations for the NMTI candidates to the Secretary of Commerce, who in turn makes recommendations to the President for final selection. NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are drawn from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms, with eligibility for one reappointment. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are composed of distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business and patent law. The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, United States Department of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Assistant General Counsel for Administration, formally determined on November 8, 2010, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Due to closure of this meeting, copies of any minutes of the meeting will not be available. A copy of the determination is available for public inspection at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.


Peter C. Pappas,
Chief Communications Officer of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA037

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 (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, December 6–14, 2010, in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8 continuing through Tuesday, December 14. The Council’s Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 6 and continue through Friday, December 10. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 6 and continue through Wednesday, December 8, 2010. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, December 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council’s plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

Reports:
1. Executive Director’s Report (including Statement of Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) revisions; report on Regional Ocean Partnerships/ Marine Spatial Planning; and Coast Guard Bill).
2. NMFS Management Report.
3. ADF&G Report.
4. NOAA Enforcement Report.
5. USCG Report.
7. Protected Species Report.

11. Other Business.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:
1. BSAI Crab Management.
2. Amendment 80 GRS.
4. Hagemeyer Island closures.

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council, except for #1 reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npcmc/.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 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 Gail Bendixen at (907) 271–2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 9, 2010.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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