

Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are: On Tuesday, April 12—The Ecosystems and Oceans Planning Committee will prioritize recommendations from the December Workshop. On Wednesday, April 13—The Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will review Advisory Panel (AP) Membership, review Amendment 14 analysis and direct the Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT), and adjust Amendment 14 range of alternatives as appropriate. The Council will hear an HMS presentation on the Squid Trawl Proposed Rule and look at options to minimize discards of swordfish in the *Illex* fishery and the trawl retention limits for incidental catch of smooth dogfish. The Spiny Dogfish Committee will identify action alternatives for Amendment 3. There will be a Public Listening Session where the Council invites the public to engage Council leadership and NMFS representatives in a Q & A roundtable session. Those in attendance will be able to ask questions or comment on any issue related to Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management including annual specifications, ecosystem management, bycatch reduction, catch shares, *etc.* On Thursday, April 14—The Executive Committee will discuss the Council budget, the process and timeline for 2012 specifications, the AP Performance Report, the ecosystem based fisheries management goals and objectives, the Advisory Panel composition and governance, Council communications, and hold a NRCC Meeting review. Dr. Paul Rago will provide the Council with a presentation regarding the 3-Year SBRM Report. The Council will hear a BOEMRE presentation which will provide the Council with an overview of offshore wind energy, introduction to the *Smart from the Start* Energy Initiative, and an overview of the Proposed Mid-Atlantic Wind Energy Areas. Howard King will provide the Council with an update on Amendment

6 to the Monkfish FMP. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the February 2011 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, hear the South Atlantic Liaison Report, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders (302-526-5251) at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Hawaii Advisory Panel (AP), Hawaii Plan Team (PT), Pelagic PT and Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee (REAC).

DATES: The Hawaii PT meeting will be held on April 12 to 13, 2011, Hawaii AP meeting on April 13 to 14, 2011, and Hawaii REAC meeting on April 20, 2011. The Pelagic PT meeting will be held on April 26 to 28, 2011. For specific times and agendas, *see*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The Hawaii AP, PT, REAC and Pelagic PT meetings will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 and Agenda for Hawaii PT Meeting

9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12–13, 2011

The Hawaii PT will meet to hear reports on, discuss and consider developing recommendations on the following upcoming Council meeting actions:

1. Status of Fishery Monitoring Programs and Research Projects
 - A. Coral Reef Fisheries
 - B. Crustacean Fisheries
 - C. Precious Coral Fisheries
 - D. Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) Administrative Activities
 - E. Bottomfish Fisheries
 - i. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Total Allowable Catch (TAC) Monitoring
 - ii. Market/Economic Report
 - iii. PIRO Report on TAC and Annual Catch Limits (ACL) process update
 - iv. Recreational permit and reporting
2. Hawaii Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Draft Annual Report Structure
 3. Improving Fishery Data Collection and Research
 - A. Update on Recommendations from 2009 Fishery Data Workshop
 - B. Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Five-Year Priorities
 - C. Review of Cooperative Research
 - D. Review of PT Risk Ranking Results for Stock Assessment and ACLs
 4. Other Business
 5. National Fisheries Mandates
 - A. Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)
 - i. Overview of CMSP
 - ii. Community CMSP Workshop Plans
 - B. Update on ACLs
 - C. Report on ACL and Catch Share Workshops
 6. Upcoming Fishery Management Actions
 - A. Options for Non-Commercial Fishery Data Reporting
 - B. Hawaiian Archipelago Bottomfish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC) Review
 - C. Status of State Bottomfish Regulatory Changes
 - D. Options for Limited Entry of Offshore Aquaculture
 7. Coral Reef Funded Projects
 - A. Kona Crab Stock Assessment
 - B. Black Coral Mapping
 - C. Deepwater Chorusing Phenomenon
 - D. Report on Tournament Sampling
 - E. Upcoming Coral Reef Projects

Schedule and Agenda for Hawaii AP Meeting

9 a.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday to Thursday, April 13–14, 2011

The Hawaii AP will meet to hear reports on, discuss and consider

developing recommendations on the following upcoming Council meeting actions:

1. National Fisheries Mandates
 - A. Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)
 - i. Overview of CMSP
 - ii. Community CMSP Workshop Plans
 - B. Update on Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
 - C. Report on ACL and Catch Share Workshops
 2. Upcoming Fishery Management Actions
 - A. Options for Non-Commercial Fishery Data Reporting
 - B. Hawaiian Archipelago Bottomfish EFH and HAPC Review
 - C. Status of State Bottomfish Regulatory Changes
 - D. Options for Limited Entry of Offshore Aquaculture
 3. Coral Reef Funded Projects
 - A. Kona Crab Stock Assessment
 - B. Black Coral Mapping
 - C. Deepwater Chorusing Phenomenon
 - D. Report on Tournament Sampling
 - E. Upcoming Coral Reef Projects
 4. Council and Advisory Panel Responsibilities
 - A. Council and MSA Overview
 - B. Advisory Panel Responsibilities
 5. Review of Previous Day Presentations
 - A. Review of Action Items
 6. Hawaii Fishery Issues
 - A. Fishery Issues Presented by Members
 - B. MHI Bottomfish Update
 - C. Ocean Regulatory Regime Review Initiative
 - D. Fishery Development
 - E. Other Business
 7. Ecosystems and Communities
 - A. Report on Hoolei Ia Puwalu
 - B. Marine Recreational Information Program/National Salt Water Angler Registry Update
 - C. Community Monitoring Tacklebox

Schedule and Agenda for Hawaii REAC Meeting

9 a.m.–4 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, 2011

The Hawaii REAC will meet to hear reports on, discuss and consider developing recommendations on the following upcoming Council meeting actions:

1. Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Policies, Program and Community Initiatives
 - A. Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
 - i. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 - ii. Pacific Services Center Activities
 - iii. Pacific Ocean Regional Partnership

- B. Ocean Regulatory Regime Review Initiative
 - C. Aha Moku Initiative
 2. Ocean Management Activities
 - A. Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary Management Plan Review
 - B. Hawaiian Archipelago Bottomfish Essential Fish Habitat
 - C. Protected Species
 - i. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Incidental Take Permit for Sea Turtles and Monk Seals
 - ii. Monk Seal—Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - iii. Insular False Killer Whale listing Under ESA
 - iv. Spinner Dolphin Human Interaction EIS and Rule-making
 3. Overview of 2011 Ocean Legislation
 4. Impacts of the March 2011 Tsunami

Schedule and Agenda for the Pelagic PT Meeting

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, April 26–28, 2011

The Pelagic Plan Team members from Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) will meet to hear reports on, discuss and consider developing recommendations on the following upcoming Council meeting actions:

1. Annual Report review
 - a. Review 2010 Annual Report modules and recommendations
 - i. CNMI
 - ii. American Samoa
 - iii. Guam
 - iv. Hawaii
 - v. International
 - vi. Recreational
 - b. 2010 Annual report region wide recommendations
2. Summary of current Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) amendment actions
 3. American Samoa longline fishery large circle hooks study
 4. Potential American Samoa swordfish fishery
 5. Marine Conservation Biology Institute (MCBI)/NMFS seabirds and pelagic fish workshop
 6. Pacific Council Highly Migratory Species Plan Amendment 2 and lead Council designation
 7. Migratory Bird Treaty Act—permit implications for pelagic fisheries
 8. Hawaii Troll/charter fishery Category I to Cat II listing
 9. Loggerhead status—Implications for consultations
 10. Other business

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee on April 12–13, 2011 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 139 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI 02903; *telephone:* (401) 861–8000; *fax:* (401) 861–8002.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, April 12, 2011–Wednesday, April 13, 2011

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will peer review work completed by the Council's Skate Plan Development Team. The review is being convened on April 12, 2011 for the purpose of providing expert technical comments and advice on the following: Approve a FSV Bigelow calibration method to be used to recommend Skate