

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Southern California Hook and Line Survey; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) will hold a peer review meeting to evaluate the Southern California Shelf Rockfish Hook and Line Survey which was designed to collect fishery-independent data for use in the stock assessments of groundfish associated with rocky habitats.

DATES: The Southern California Hook and Line Survey review meeting will be held beginning at 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2012 and end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The review meeting will reconvene on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 8 a.m. and will adjourn by 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Southern California Hook and Line Survey review meeting will be held at the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, 2725 Montlake Blvd. E., Seattle, WA 98112–2097; telephone: (206) 860–3200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (541) 961–8475; or Mr. John Harms, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC); telephone: (206)–860–3414.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The peer review meeting will be held to: (1) Evaluate the Southern California Hook and Line survey design and protocols; (2) examine the analytical methods used to generate rockfish abundance indices; and, (3) provide suggestions regarding potential expansion of the survey's geographical range and species for which abundance indices are generated—particularly for data-poor and data-limited species.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the review meeting participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal review action during this meeting. Actions of the review participants 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 workshop participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Stacey Miller at (541) 961–8475 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 13, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Notice

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 (Council's) Groundfish Plan Teams and Crab Plan Team will hold a workshop on Assessment/Management Issues Related to Recruitment, April 4–5, 2012 at the Alaska Fishery Science Center.

DATES: The meetings will be held April 4–5, 2012. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m., April 4 and continue through Thursday April 5. Webex participation is available; please check the Council Web site for participation information.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Traynor Room, 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, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Plan Teams will develop guidelines on how to address environmental changes in the Stock-Recruitment relationship into biological reference points and how to model environmental forcing into stock projection models.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group 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, (907) 271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 13, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Russian River Estuary Management Activities

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals incidental to Russian River estuary management activities. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an IHA to SCWA to take, by Level B Harassment only, several species of marine mammals during the specified activity.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than April 16, 2012.