

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

RIN 0648–XC259

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Charter Management Implementation Committee will convene via a conference call.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 19, 2012 at 10 a.m. (AST). The call in number is: (907) 271–2896.

ADDRESSES: The conference call will be held at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 205, Anchorage, AK.
Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda is to identify a range of potential management measures, using the status quo management measures of one fish less than 45 inches or greater than 68 inches as the baseline for Area 2C. Committee recommendations will be incorporated into an analysis for Council review in December 2012. The Council will recommend a preferred measure for consideration by the International Pacific Halibut Commission at its January 2013 meeting, for implementation in 2013.

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 this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues 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

The meeting is 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: September 25, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 23–25, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 240–777–5350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Holliday, MAFAC Executive Director; (301) 427–8004; email: Mark.Holliday@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The complete charter and summaries of prior meetings are located online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/>.

Matters To Be Considered

This agenda is subject to change.

The meeting is convened to hear presentations and discuss policies and guidance on the following topics: NMFS budget and legislative issues, fisheries certification and sustainability, Endangered Species Act and current protected resources issues, and revisions to MAFAC's *Vision 2020* report. The meeting will include

discussion of various MAFAC administrative and organizational matters and meetings of the standing subcommittees.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mark Holliday, MAFAC Executive Director; 301–427–8004 by October 12, 2012.

Dated: September 26, 2012.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, performing the functions and duties of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Law Enforcement Advisory Panel in conjunction with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL 36564; telephone: (251) 928–9201.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP) along with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee (LEC). The

LEAP/LEC will review the Council's Action Schedule and the status of regulatory actions that have been submitted to NMFS for implementation. The LEAP/LEC will also consider changes to recommendations for the timing of Federal Fishery Closures, and potential impacts of Exempted Fishing Permits being issued during closed seasons, such as for fishing tournaments. Finally, the LEAP/LEC will also consider approval of recently completed Strategic and Operations Plans, and review the state's Joint Enforcement Agreements.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf States, as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the U.S. Coast Guard, and the NOAA General Counsel for Law Enforcement. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require 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

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 25, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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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 and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its 111th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Executive and Budget Standing Committee, and 155th Council to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The meetings will be held from Wednesday, October 24th through Thursday, November 1, 2012. For specific dates, times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The 111th SSC and Executive and Budget Standing Committee meetings will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 522-8220. The 155th Council meeting will be held at the Laniakea YWCA-Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 538-7061. The Fishers Forum will be held at the Harbor View Center, 1129 North Nimitz Hwy (Pier 38), Honolulu, HI 96817; telephone: (808) 983-1200.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will meet on October 24-26, 2012, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; the Council's Executive and Budget Standing Committee will meet on October 29, 2012, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon; the 155th Council will meet on October 29-November 1, 2012. The 155th Council meeting will be held between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on October 29, 2012, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on October 30, 2012, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on October 31, 2012, and between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon on November 1, 2012. A Fishers Forum will be held in association with the 155th Council Meeting between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on October 30, 2012. All meetings will be held in Honolulu, HI.

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 and Agenda for 111th SSC Meeting

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2012

1. Introductions.
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs.
3. Status of the 110th SSC Meeting Recommendations.
4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director.
5. Program Planning.
 - A. NMFS Science Plan & Prioritization Exercise.
 - B. Public Comment.
 - C. SSC Discussion and Recommendations.
6. Insular Fisheries.
 - A. Action Items.
 1. Options for Acceptable Biological Catch.
 - a. American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).
 - i. Bottomfish Management Unit Species (P-star Analysis).
 - ii. Crustaceans.
 - iii. Precious Corals.
 - b. Hawaii.
 - i. Non Deep 7 Bottomfish.
 - ii. Crustaceans.
 - iii. Precious Corals.
 2. Alternatives for the Moratorium on Gold Coral Fishery.
 - B. Bottomfish Fishery.
 1. Cooperative Research Bottomfish Tagging Projects in Hawaii.
 2. Preliminary Results of Acoustic Tagging of Bottomfish.
 - C. Public Comment.
 - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations.

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, October 25, 2012

7. Pelagic Fisheries.
 - A. Status of Opah Caught by the Hawaii-based Pelagic Longline Fishery.
 - B. International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) Research.
 - C. Tracking the Changes of Economic Performance Indicators for the Main Commercial Fisheries in the Western Pacific Areas.
 - D. Levels Of Observer Coverage In The Shallow Set Swordfish Fishery.
 - E. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Quarterly Reports.
 - F. International Fisheries Meetings.
 1. Eighth Meeting of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Scientific Committee (SC 8).