DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XC571
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 Pacific Council and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet April 5–11, 2013. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Thursday, April 11, 2013. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held at the end of the scheduled agenda on Sunday, April 7 to address litigation and personnel matters. In addition to the formal numbered agenda items, there will be an informal Council informational session on the morning of Saturday, April 6 to help with understanding issues and objectives associated with adopting a final Pacific Coast Fishery Ecosystem Plan. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE. Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 281–2500. Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE. Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820–2260 or (866) 806–7204 toll free; or access the Pacific Council Web site, http://www.p council.org for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order.

A. Call to Order
1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda

B. Administrative Matters
1. Formalize Council Action From March 2013
2. Expansion of Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries
3. Ocean Observation Initiative Report
4. Legislative Matters
5. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
6. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

C. Open Comment Period
1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

D. Groundfish Management
1. NMFS Report
2. Status of Rationalized Fishery
3. Alternatives for Stock Complex Restructuring
4. Implementation of the 2013 Pacific Whiting Fishery Under the U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement
5. Consider Barotrauma Device Mortality Rates
6. Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Synthesis Report and Request for Proposals
7. Trawl RationalizationTrailing Actions—Electronic Monitoring Regulatory Process
8. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments

E. Salmon Management
1. Tentative Adoption of 2013 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis
3. Salmon Amendment 18—Essential Fish Habitat Revision
4. Final Action on 2013 Management Measures
6. Columbia Basin Situation Assessment

F. Habitat
1. Current Habitat Issues
2. Pacific Halibut Management
1. Final Incidental Catch
2. Recommendations for Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries

H. Ecosystem Based Management
1. Final Fishery Ecosystem Plan
2. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
1. Sardine Harvest Parameters Workshop Report
2. Sardine Fishery Start Date

J. Enforcement Issues
1. Preliminary Vessel Monitoring System Declaration Regulations

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Friday, April 5, 2013
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Habitat Committee 8 a.m.
Model Evaluation Workgroup 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
Tribal Policy Group 8 a.m.
Legislative Committee 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 6, 2013
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants 8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
Tribal Policy Group As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group As Needed
Chair's Reception 6 p.m.

Sunday, April 7, 2013
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Scientific & Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
Economic Subcmte 8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants As Needed
Tribal Policy Group As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group As Needed

Monday, April 8, 2013
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants As Needed
Tribal Policy Group As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group As Needed

Tuesday, April 9, 2012
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team 8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants As Needed

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Spring Species Working Group Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) announces its annual spring meeting on April 3–5, 2013. The Committee will meet with its Technical Advisors to discuss matters relating to ICCAT, including the 2012 Commission meeting results; research and management activities; global and domestic initiatives related to ICCAT; the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act-required report on any identification of countries that are diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT; the results of meetings of the Committee’s Species Working Groups; and other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species.

DATES: The open sessions of the Committee meeting will be held on April 3, 2013, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; April 4, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and April 5, 2013, 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Closed sessions will be held on April 4, 2013, 2:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on April 5, 2013, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. The phone number is (301) 589–0800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel O’Malley at (301) 427–8373.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive and discuss information on the 2012 ICCAT meeting results and U.S. implementation of ICCAT decisions; NMFS research and monitoring activities; global and domestic initiatives related to ICCAT; the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act-required consultation on any identification of countries that are diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT; the results of the meetings of the Committee’s Species Working Groups; and other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species. The public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, but there will be no opportunity for public comment. A copy of the agenda is available from the Committee’s Executive Secretary upon request (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT above).

The Committee will meet in its Species Working Groups for part of the afternoon of April 4, 2013, and for one hour on the morning of April 5, 2013. These sessions are not open to the public, but the results of the species working group discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee’s open session on April 5, 2013.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rachel O’Malley at (301) 427–8373 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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) Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 1, 2013, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, Dillingham/Katmai Room, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271–2809.