

material is resistant to biofouling and leaching and the CuPod design includes mesh entry panels that prevent fish escapes.

The array's CuPod and vessel would each have a GPS navigation unit to provide location information in the unlikely case of separation from the mooring. In addition to the applicant's monitoring of the array and surrounding waters, the conditions of the NMFS permit would include requirements for avoiding and reporting protected resources interactions, preventing fish escapes and methods of discarding of dead fish, filing harvest and transshipment reports, and accommodating an observer upon request. These operational features, together with the limited scale and duration of the project, resulted in a preliminary determination that the project would have a very limited impact on the environment.

NMFS expects that the array will aggregate pelagic fish. Fishermen would be able to fish around the array. The small size of the array is not expected to have a large adverse impact on catches by other fishermen in the ocean in west Hawaii.

Kampachi Farms must also obtain a Department of the Army permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the proposed mooring. NMFS prepared this draft EA with input and review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. When finalized, the EA will serve as the basis for NMFS to determine whether or not the activity would be a major federal action with the potential for significant environmental impacts. If determined to have major impacts, NMFS would need to prepare an environmental impact statement. The EA will also inform NMFS in its decision about whether to issue the special permit. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will use this EA to inform the preparation of its own environmental evaluation in accordance with its internal procedures.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 8, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC804**

#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a conference call of its ad hoc Ecosystem Work Group (EWG). A listening station will be available at the Pacific Council offices for interested members of the public.

**DATES:** The conference call will be held Thursday, August 29, 2013, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call, with a public listening station available at the Pacific Council office: 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Gilden, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the conference call is to consider next steps in protecting unmanaged forage fish, finalize recommendations to the Pacific Council on the Federal list of authorized West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone fisheries, and other items related to the September 2013 Council meeting.

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 EWG's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This listening station is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, at (503) 820-2280, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 8, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of the Salmon Technical Team (STT), the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS), and the Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) by telephone conference that is open to the public.

**DATES:** The teleconference will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., or when business for the call is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** A public listening station will be available at the Pacific Council Office, Small Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Burner, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please note, this is not a public hearing; it is a work session for the purpose of drafting reports and recommendations for the September 12-17, 2013 Council meeting in Boise, ID. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review information in the Pacific Council's September 2013 meeting briefing book related to salmon and ecosystem-based management, and to develop comments and recommendations for consideration at the September 2013 Pacific Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal SAS, STT, or MEW action during this meeting. 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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