

Friday, April 20, 2018; 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The Full Council will receive committee reports from Reef Fish and Sustainable Fisheries Management Committees; Announce the 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year; vote on any Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications; and receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and, the Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue. The latest version will be posted on the Council's file server, which can be accessed by going to the Council's website at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org> and clicking on FTP Server under Quick Links. For meeting materials, go to the Gulf Council website or Gulf Council file server and select the "Briefing Books/Briefing Book 2018–04" folder. The username and password are both "gulfguest". The meetings will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on our website.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's 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 Kathy Pereira (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 26, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG093

North 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 Center of Independent Experts will meet April 16 through April 18, 2018 to review the stock assessments for Bering Sea and Aleutian Island yellowfin sole, northern rock sole, and Alaska plaice.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 through Wednesday, April 18, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), in Building 4, Room 2039, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, NPFMC staff; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Terms of Reference

1. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the assumptions made in applying the stock assessment model including how survey indices are scaled to the populations. Specifics might include:

a. How natural mortality estimates are estimated/applied.

b. Assumptions about survey "catchability".

c. Application of fishery and survey age-specific schedules (maturity, body mass, selectivity).

d. The application (or lack thereof) of a stock-recruitment relationship (and associated parameter estimates).

2. Evaluate the stock assessment approach used focusing specifically on how fisheries and survey data are compiled and used to assess the stock status relative to stated management objectives under the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and the Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements. Elements should consider:

a. The FMP "Tier" designation.

b. Fishing rate estimation relative to overfishing definitions.

c. Stock status determinations relative to BMSY.

3. Recommend how assessment data and/or models could be improved.

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Dated: March 26, 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

Title: Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0028.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 96 responses per year.

Average Hours per Response: 20 minutes (0.33 hours) per response.

Burden Hours: 32 hours annually.

Cost Burden: \$2,121.96.

Needs and Uses: Under Section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act of 1999 (FQA), 15 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.*, certain industrial fasteners must bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. It is also mandatory for manufacturers of fasteners covered by the FQA to submit an application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for recordal of the insignia on the Fastener Insignia Register.

The procedures for the recordal of fastener insignia under the FQA are set forth in 15 CFR 280.300 *et seq.* The purpose of requiring both the insignia and the recordation is to ensure that certain fasteners can be traced to their manufacturers and to protect against the