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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-XG180

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) Social Science Planning Team will meet May 8, 2018 through May 9, 2018.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 through Wednesday, May 9, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel in the Birch/Willow Room, 500 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501.

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: Sarah Marrinan, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Through Wednesday, May 9, 2018

The meeting agenda includes review and presentation on existing socio-economic data and information sources

that can inform fisheries management in Federal fisheries off of Alaska. This will include a discussion of the availability of subsistence information, use of existing data collections (such as Economic Data Reports), and the Alaska Fishery Science Center skipper survey, and current Alaska Fishery Science Center funding proposals.

The team will also discuss data gaps and consider long term strategies for prioritizing and filling these data gaps. This part of the agenda will include a presentation of a socio-economic gap analysis, discussion of past critiques from the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee on information deficiencies in Council documents, discussion of current Council informational needs, and a facilitated discussion of the role of Local and Traditional Knowledge/Traditional Ecological Knowledge and citizen science information into science and management.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://www.npfmc.org/committees/social-science-planning-team/>

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically to Sarah Marrinan, Council staff: sarah.marrinan@noaa.gov or through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252. In-person oral public testimony will be accepted at the discretion of the chair.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Electronic Monitoring Workgroup (EMWG) will hold a public meeting on May 15, 2018.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Traynor Room, Building 4 at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7700 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Teleconference available upon request.

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: Elizabeth Figus, Council staff; telephone: (907)-271-2801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

The first half of the day is expected to focus on discussing the fixed gear EM program, including: (a) Budget and funding; (b) coordination of funding sources; (c) an update on 2018 EM implementation; (d) updates about progress on pot gear issues; and, (e) discussion about the future of fixed gear implementation. The second half of the day will focus on the trawl EM program, including: (f) An overview of EM Workgroup cooperative approach; (g) summary of ongoing work relevant to trawl; (h) funding issues; (i) trawl EM objectives; (j) developing a workplan and timing for future EMWG meetings; and, (k) a discussion of scheduling and other issues. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/observer-program/>.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically to Elizabeth Figus, Council staff: Elizabeth.figus@noaa.gov or through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252. In-person oral public testimony will be accepted at the discretion of the chair.

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