J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meetings will be held February 4–12, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison Street, Seattle, WA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6 continuing through Tuesday February 12, 2008. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, February 4 and continue through Friday February 8. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 4 and continue through Wednesday February 6, 2008. The Data Collection Committee will meet Monday, February 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Northwest Room. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Wednesday, February 6, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Madison Room. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, February 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the James Room. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports

Executive Director's Report (including recommendations on operating procedures)

NMFS Management Report (legal issues re: Pacific cod jig sector State water management)

NMFS Enforcement/NOAA General Counsel Enforcement Report

U.S. Coast Guard Report

Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report

IPHC Report

Protected Species Report (including Aleutian Island Pollock Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) report, Steller Sea Lion (SSL) consultation update, SSL Mitigation Committee progress report)

2. BSAI Crab Issues: Report from Crab Committee; action as necessary; Report on BSAI Crab data collection quality and confidentiality; Report on proposed economic analysis for program 3-year review; Initial review of BSAI ''C'' Share active participation; Initial review of BSAI Crab Arbitration Regulations; Discussion paper on BSAI Crab Arbitrator Immunity; Initial review St. George protection measures; Discussion paper on BSAI Crab loan eligibility

3. License Limitation Program (LLP) Trawl Recency: Initial review of EA/RIR/IRFA alternatives to address modifications to LLP requirements.

4. Amendment 80: Final action on Amendment 80 post-delivery transfers and rollovers.

5. Observer Program: Initial review of Observer Program regulation package.

6. American Fisheries Act: Review 2007 Co-op reports and 2008 co-op agreements.

7. CGOA Rockfish Program: Review 2007 Cooperative reports; Review outline for Pilot Program review.

8. Social and Economic Data Collection: Receive Committee report and action as necessary (T).

9. Bycatch Issues: Review EFP results; Review stream of origin information; Refine BSAI salmon bycatch alternatives; other action as necessary; Review GOA salmon and crab bycatch discussion paper (SSC only).

10. Groundfish Management: Initial review of GOA Other Species catch specifications; review discussion paper ''Other Species'' Management; Non-target Committee Report (Council only); Discussion paper on Vessel Monitor System (VMS) exemption for dinglebar gear (Council only); Report on BS and AI P cod area split; action as necessary; Initial review of 4E Seabird Avoidance measures; report on flatfish stock assessment Center for Independent Experts review (SSC only).

11. Ecosystem Issues: Preliminary review of Arctic FMP; action as necessary; Report from Ecosystem Committee; report on Alaska Marine Ecosystem Forum.

12. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking, and take action as necessary; Review broader (PSEIS) community outreach plan and actions pursuant to the NMFS Policy on stakeholder participation.

13. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Protected Species Report
2. BSAI Crab Issues
3. CGOA Rockfish
4. Data Collection
5. Bycatch Issues
6. Groundfish Management
7. Ecosystem Issues

The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, except for ı1 reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at *http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/*.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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: January 16, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS or sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary

Advisory Council (council): Higher Education, Recreation, Fishing (recreational, charter, and/or commercial), Business/Economic Development alternate, and Citizen-at-Large. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 3-year terms, pursuant to the council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by March 31, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Prevo, Advisory Council Coordinator, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707, (989) 356–8805 ext. 13, *jean.prevo@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Thunder Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council (council) was established in 1997. The council has fifteen members and fifteen alternatives; five seats represent local community governments, and the other ten represent facets of the sanctuary community, including education, research, fishing, diving, tourism, economic development, and the community at large. The council meets bi-monthly, with informal coffees and lunches scheduled for non-meeting months. Working groups meet as needed. The fifteen alternates also take an active role in council meetings as well as assist in carrying out many volunteer assignments throughout the year.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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Dated: January 14, 2008.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection 3038–0013, Exemptions From Speculative Limits

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on exemptions from speculative limits.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Gary Martinaitis, Division of Economic Analysis, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Martinaitis, (202) 418–5209; Fax: (202) 418–5527; e-mail: *gmartinaitis@cftc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

Exemptions From Speculative Limits, OMB Control Number 3038–0013—Extension

Section 4a(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act) allows the Commission to set speculative limits in any commodity for future delivery in order to prevent excessive speculation. Certain sections of the Act and/or the Commission's Regulations allow exemptions from the speculative limits for persons using the market for hedging and, under certain circumstances, for commodity pool operators and similar traders. This information collection contains the recordkeeping and reporting requirements needed to ensure regulatory compliance with Commission rules relating to this issue.

The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

Regulations (17 CFR)	Estimated number of respondents	Reports annually by each respondent	Total annual responses	Estimated number of hours per response	Annual burden
Rule 1.47 and 1.48	7	2	14	3	42
Part 150	2	1	2	3	6