

2. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Final action on Amendment 80 (T).

3. Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Pacific Cod Allocations: Initial review of Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact (EA/RIR) review.

4. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Rationalization: Review other data and information and revise alternatives/options as appropriate.

5. Observer Program: Committee report and Initial review of EA/RIR.

6. Halibut Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs): Committee report and Initial review of EA/RIR.

7. American Fisheries Act (AFA): Review 2005 cooperative (co-op) reports and 2006 co-op agreements.

8. Groundfish Management: Chiniak Gully experiment final review of EA; Review Exempted Fishery Permit (EFP); Review Other Species stock assessments (SSC only); Review Species of Concern assessments (SSC only); Lower Trophic Level Modeling Workshop (SSC only); Lower Trophic Level Modeling Workshop (SSC only).

9. Research Priorities: Review and approve.

10. Staff Tasking: Committees and tasking, discuss alternatives to change Maximum Retainable Amount (MRA) for the non-target AFA catcher processor fleet.

#### 11. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. BSAI Pacific cod Allocation.
2. Observer Program.
3. Groundfish Management.
4. Research Priorities.

The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.

#### 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 18, 2006.

**Emily Menashes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011806B]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting/Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for yelloweye rockfish will hold a work session which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The yelloweye rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held beginning at 1 p.m., February 13, 2006. The meeting will continue on February 14, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m. through February 15, 2006. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

**ADDRESSES:** The yelloweye rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held at the Human Resources Division Conference Room, Building 1, at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Western Regional Center's Sand Point Facility, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-6349.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS); telephone: 206-860-3480; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: 503-820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to review draft yelloweye rockfish stock assessment documents and any other pertinent stock information, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions to the draft yelloweye rockfish stock assessment, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons. No management actions will be decided by the STAR Panel. The STAR Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Entry to the NOAA Western Regional Center's Sand Point Facility requires visitors to show a valid picture ID and register with security. A visitor's badge, which must be worn while at the NOAA

Western Regional Center's Facility, will be issued to non-Federal employees participating in the meeting.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STAR Panel meeting participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STAR panel meeting action during this meeting. STAR Panel 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 STAR panel meeting participants' 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011806C]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting/Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for Pacific hake (whiting) will hold a work session which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Pacific hake (whiting) STAR Panel meeting will be held beginning 1 p.m., February 6, 2006. The meeting will continue on February 7, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m. through February 10, 2006. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

**ADDRESSES:** The Pacific hake (whiting) STAR Panel meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, The Auditorium, 2725 Montlake Boulevard

East, Seattle, WA 98112; telephone: 206-860-3200.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC); telephone: 206-860-3480; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: 503-820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to review draft whiting stock assessment documents and any other pertinent stock information, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions to the draft whiting stock assessment, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons. No management actions will be decided by the STAR Panel. The STAR Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Entry to the NWFSC requires visitors to show a valid picture ID and register with security. A visitor's badge, which must be worn while at the NWFSC facility, will be issued to non-federal employees participating in the meeting.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STAR Panel meeting participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STAR Panel meeting action during this meeting. STAR Panel 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 STAR Panel meeting participants' 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011806E]

#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and Groundfish Allocation Committee (Committee) will hold working meetings, which are open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT meeting will be held Monday, February 6, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The GMT will reconvene Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., when both the GMT and Committee will meet until business for the day is completed. The GMT and Committee meeting will reconvene on Wednesday, February 8 and Thursday, February 9 at 8:30 a.m. each day until business for each day is completed. The GMT will reconvene on Friday, February 10, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. and continue until their business is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The GMT and Committee meetings will be held at the Red Lion Hotel—Convention Center, St. Johns Room, 1021 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232. Telephone: 503-235-2100.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the GMT and Committee meetings are to develop 2007-2008 Pacific Coast groundfish fishery allocation options and other management measure alternatives for analysis. The GMT and Committee will discuss the types of provisions that may be necessary to prevent further overfishing, to reduce bycatch of depleted species in the various groundfish fisheries, and to reduce bycatch in non-groundfish fisheries, while considering the needs of West Coast fishing communities. No management actions will be decided by the GMT or Committee. The GMT's role and that of the Committee will be

development of recommendations and alternatives for analysis for consideration by the Council at its April 2006 meeting in Sacramento, California.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT or the Committee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT or Committee action during this meeting. GMT or Committee 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 Committee'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011806D]

#### Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Hawaii-based members of the Council Bottomfish Plan Team (BPT) to consider alternatives to end bottomfish overfishing in the Main Hawaiian Islands.

**DATES:** The meeting of the BPT will be held on February 8, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For specific times, and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the BPT will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council conference room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI.