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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Data and Assessment Workshops

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR includes three workshops: (1) data workshop, (2) assessment workshop, and (3) review workshop. The product of the data workshop and the assessment workshop is a stock assessment report, which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment report is independently peer reviewed at the review workshop.

Review Workshop

The review workshop is an independent peer review of the assessment developed during the data and assessment workshops. Workshop panelists will review the assessment and produce a SEDAR Consensus Summary Report to document their consensus opinions and comments.

The products of the review workshop are a Consensus Summary Report, which reports Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data, and an Advisory Report, which summarizes the status of the stock. Participants for SEDAR workshops are appointed by the Regional Fishery Management Councils. Participants include data collectors, database managers, stock assessment scientists, biologists, fisheries researchers, fishermen, environmentalists, Council members, International experts, and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Gulf of Mexico

Fishery Management Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five business days prior to each workshop.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012405A]

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's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. There will be a closed session on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. which is closed to all except GMT members, their designees, and others designated by the chair to discuss personnel matters. The GMT meeting will reconvene Wednesday, February 16 through Friday, February 18, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GMT meeting will be held at the Residence Inn by Marriott, Portland Downtown—Riverplace, Fremont Room, 2115 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR 97201. Telephone: 503-552-9500.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT meeting is to plan the GMT's annual schedule and strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2005 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2005. Additionally, the GMT will discuss groundfish management measures in place for the winter and spring months, respond to assignments relating to

implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan, discuss a new Pacific whiting stock assessment and develop recommended management measures for the 2005 whiting fishery, discuss implementation strategies for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 18, develop new data management tools, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. The GMT's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Sacramento, California.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 GMT'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 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 24, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011805F]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Pelagics Plan Team; 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 its Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) to discuss overfishing of Pacific bigeye tuna and to develop recommendations for future

management. The agenda for the meeting can be found under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 10, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; phone: 808-522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; phone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PPT will meet to discuss the following agenda items:

1. Introduction
2. First meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fishery Management Commission
3. Fishery management options for Pacific bigeye and yellowfin tunas:
 - a. International fisheries
 - b. Domestic fisheries
4. Bigeye quota for the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean
5. Other business

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the PPT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. PPT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 21, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Test and Training Sub-scale and Full-scale Aerial Targets will meet in closed session on February 8-9, 2005, March 14-16, 2005, and April 13-14, 2005, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will also meet in closed session on March 14-16, 2005, at Pt. Mugu Naval Air Weapons Station, CA. This Task Force will review the future needs for sub-scale and full-scale aerial targets for developmental and operational testing.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. The Task Force should investigate future aerial threats as well as weapon and sensor capability in the 2005-2020 timeframe, to understand those characteristics necessary to provide effective threat representation. They should also review to what extent other alternatives including modeling and simulation can supplement live target test and training. The Task Force will assess the possibility of common aerial target configuration, control and use that can support testing needs of more than one system or complex system of systems across multiple Services. Included in the review should be the degree of fidelity in threat replication throughout the threat regime required for systems development and effective testing. The Task Force should consider testing needs across the full development cycle from concept development to operational test and evaluation and training.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: January 18, 2005.

Jeannette Owings-Ballard,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Transformation: A Midcourse Assessment (Summer Study 2005) will meet in closed session on February 14-15, 2005; March 24-25, 2005; April 11-12, 2005; and May 10-11, 2005, at IDA, 4850 Park Center Drive, Room 6709, Alexandria, VA. This Task Force will provide an assessment of the Department of Defense's (DoD) continuing transformation process, describing the current status of the DoD's transformation efforts, identify the appropriate transformation objectives, and recommend ways and means to meet the emerging and persistent challenges as identified in the 2004 National Defense Strategy.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate the Department's ability to provide information the Secretary of Defense's 2003 Transformation Planning Guidance (TPG) outlined a three-part strategy for transformation: Transformed culture, Transformed processes, and Transformed capabilities. Within the Department's transformation scope and strategy, the Study should consider the following: (1) Focus on important functional concepts and capabilities, such as logistics and battlespace awareness, which provide essential elements to implementing joint concepts; (2) define the scope of the problem and capabilities DoD requires to address challenges of international competitors seeking to develop and possess break through technical capabilities intended to supplant U.S. advantages in particular operational domains; (3) assess the adequacy and effectiveness of DoD's approaches to realize the potential advantages of net-centric operations; (4) focus on DoD's needs to evolving forces to cover the spectrum of military engagement and accomplish the full range of missions; (5) assess the suitability of the structure of the defense industry to the needs of transformation; (6) examine how to adapt DoD's culture to producing