

3. Salmon Bycatch: Final action on Bering Sea Chinook Salmon Bycatch Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

4. Groundfish Issues: Review discussion paper on proposed Bristol Bay Trawl Closure and Walrus issues, and receive Council direction; Review discussion paper on GOA Tanner and Chinook Bycatch and receive Council direction.

5. Amendment 80 Cooperatives: Review annual report from cooperative; Final action on Amendment 80 Cooperative Formation criteria.

6. Marine Protection Act Nomination Process: Review NMFS letter and discuss next steps. (T)

7. Other Groundfish Issues: Review and approve halibut sorting Exempted Fishery Permit (T); Review Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC) evaluation criteria and Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) 5-year review methodology (SSC Only).

8. Scallop Issues: Receive Plan Team Report and review and approve Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report.

9. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking.

10. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Salmon Bycatch

2. Halibut Sorting EFP

3. HAPC evaluation criteria and EFH 5 year review methodology

4. Scallop Issues

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council, except for 11 reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XN98

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 of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC).

SUMMARY: The PNCIAC will meet in Seattle, WA. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Leif Erikson Hall, 2247 NW 57th Street, Suite 403, Seattle, WA 98107 (in Ballard); telephone: (206) 769-3474.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Diana Stram, Council Staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PNCIAC will review the Economic Data Reports: Review Alaska Fishery Science Center draft metadata and continue work on revisions of EDR forms; and discuss of Marine Stewardship Council/sustainable fisheries certification issues and take action as needed.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Navy Training and Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation Activities Conducted within the Northwest Training Range Complex

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for letter of authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy (Navy) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to military readiness training activities and research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E) to be conducted in the Northwest Training Range Complex (NWTRC) for the period beginning September 2009 and ending September 2014. Pursuant to the implementing regulations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing our receipt of the Navy's request for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals and inviting information, suggestions, and comments on the Navy's application and request.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than April 10, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. The mailbox address for providing email comments is PR1.0648-XN87@noaa.gov. NMFS is not responsible for e-mail comments sent to