

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at NMFS, Federal Building, 709 W 9th Street, 4th Floor, Regional Conference Room, Juneau, AK.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Oliver, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda items include: Receive the report on the 2013 performance evaluation; review the electronic monitoring strategic plan; review regulatory amendment proposals already submitted for consideration, and develop recommended criteria for Council consideration.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

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Special Accommodations

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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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, June 3-11, 2013 at the Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive, Juneau, AK.

DATES: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, continuing through Tuesday, June 11, 2013. The Scientific Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 3 and continue through Wednesday, June 5. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4 and continue through Saturday, June 8. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Federal Building, 709 W. 9th Street, Sustainable Fisheries conference room, 4th floor, Juneau, AK. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, June 4, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Goldbelt Hotel, 51 Egan Drive, Chilkat Room, Juneau, AK. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

ADDRESSES: The Council meeting will be held at Centennial Hall, 101 Egan Drive, Juneau, AK.

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:

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. Executive Director's Report
NMFS Management Report (including flow scale discussion paper, update on halibut/sablefish IFQ leasing prohibition, Essential Fish Habitat update)
NOAA Enforcement Report
ADF&G Report
USCG Report
USFWS Report
Protected Species Report (including Progress report and Biological Opinion (BiOp) analytical approach on Steller Sea Lion (SSL)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
2. Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab: Receive Crab Plan Team report; Set final Overfishing Levels

(OFL)/Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) specifications for 4 stocks.

3. Freezer Longline Issues: Final action on Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Pacific cod sideboards; Industry update on Bering Sea Turbot fishery negotiations.
4. Observer Program: Review first year report; Electronic Monitoring (EM) strategic plan; Review Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) report; Review 3rd Party discussion paper.
5. GOA Salmon Chinook Bycatch: Final action on GOA Chinook salmon bycatch in non-pollock trawl fisheries.
6. GOA Trawl Bycatch: Discussion paper on GOA Trawl Bycatch management/roadmap; Initial review on GOA Trawl Data Collection; Tendering report.
7. Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPs) Cost Recovery: Council recommendation on cost recovery programs for American Fishery Act (AFA), Amendment 80, and Community Development Quota (CDQ) groundfish/halibut LAPPs.
8. Bering Sea Canyon: Review updated Alaska Fishery Science Center report; Discussion paper on fishing activities and management.
9. Miscellaneous Issues: Initial review of analysis regarding definition of fishing guide (Council only); Update on Halibut/Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) discussion papers (GOA sablefish pots, sablefish A-share caps); Approve Research Priorities.
10. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. BS/AI Crab
2. GOA Trawl Data Collection
3. Bering Sea Canyons
4. Approve Research Priorities

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Monkfish Committee on May 29, 2013 and May 30, 2013 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 139 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 861-8000; fax: (401) 732-9309.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Monkfish Oversight Committee will: (1) Provide an assessment update review; (2) report on the May 16 Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting and recommendations for Allowable Biological Catch (ABC); (3) report on the April 30 Plan Development Team (PDT) meeting; (4) provide a presentation outlining DAS/trip limit options developed by the PDT; (5) discuss and

develop recommendations to the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils for a range of alternatives to be included in Framework 8 including, but not limited to, Annual Catch Targets (ACT—applying management uncertainty to ACL), the range of DAS/trip limit alternatives (specifications), changes to the permit category H fishery boundary and any other options for DAS changes; (6) discuss, including motions, as appropriate, the range of alternatives to be included in the Amendment 6 document, including possible removal of the ITQ alternative; (7) discuss, including development of recommendations, as appropriate, possible revisions to the pending monkfish Emergency Action for the 2013 fishing year; (8) consider and develop a recommendation to the Councils that monkfish permit renewal be required at the start of the fishing year to address state waters fishing; (9) time permitting, consider making recommendations on changes to the Research Set-Aside priorities; (10) closed session to review/recommend Advisory Panel applications.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold a meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The HMSMT work session will begin at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28; 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29; and 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 30, 2013. On each day, the meeting will continue until business is completed.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held in the Pacific Room, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, CA 92037-1509.

Council address: Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HMSMT will discuss the following topics:

1. An assignment from the March 2013 Council meeting in Tacoma, WA. The Council directed the HMSMT to identify potential measures that should be implemented pursuant to the precautionary management framework for North Pacific albacore currently under development at the international level. The HMSMT will provide a report with its recommendations at the June 20-25, 2013, Pacific Council meeting.

2. Response to finding by National Marine Fisheries Service that Pacific bluefin tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*) is overfished and recommendations for Pacific Council response per Section 304(i) of the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act.

3. Work on the 2013 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document, which is prepared annually, summarizing information from the previous year.

4. Future work planning.

5. Informational topics related to HMSMT responsibilities.

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