

Document for Consideration of a Network of Marine Reserves and Marine Conservation Areas within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS), receive reports from Council advisory subpanels, Enforcement Consultants, Habitat Committee, and Scientific and Statistical Committee. Based on their review and advisory committee reports, the CIMRC will develop recommendations for the Council's November 2004 meeting. CINMS and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration staff involved with the development of the draft document will be available for discussions with the CIMRC.

At the November 2004 Council meeting, it is anticipated the Council would be scheduled to review the comments of the advisory bodies and public and provide formal comment to CINMS for completing the range of alternatives and analytical elements of a draft environmental impact statement for proposed marine reserves and marine conservation areas within CINMS.

More information about the proposed CINMS project and draft document is available at: http://www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov/marineres/enviro_review.html

This is a public meeting, and time for public comment will be provided at the discretion of the committee chair. Generally, a public comment period will be provided just prior to the end of each day. Please note, this is not a public hearing, rather it is a work session to develop information for Council consideration.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the CIMRC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 CIMRC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The 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: September 15, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091404D]

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 (Council) will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee, which is open to the public. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review the Council recommendations on expanding the VMS program for West Coast groundfish fisheries to additional fishery sectors and to develop recommendations for the November 2004 Council meeting.

DATES: The Ad Hoc VMS Committee will meet Thursday, October 7, 2004 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205-3725; telephone: 503-228-2000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Fishery Management Council Groundfish Staff Officer; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council approved and the National Marine Fisheries Service implemented a pilot VMS program which began on January 1, 2004 for the limited entry trawl and limited entry fixed gear groundfish fishery sectors. The committee needs to consider expanding the VMS program to ensure effective monitoring and enforcement of area closures in commercial and recreational groundfish fisheries. At the September 2004 Council meeting, the Council is scheduled to review a draft Environmental Assessment which builds on the existing program and consider adopting a range of program

expansion alternatives for public review. The Ad Hoc VMS Committee will review the current VMS program, consider Council recommendations on expanding the program, and develop recommendations for the November 2004 Council meeting.

At the November 2004 Council meeting, it is anticipated the Council would be scheduled to review the comments of the advisory bodies and public and identify a preferred alternative for expansion of the current monitoring program.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the

required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued that would allow one commercial fishing vessel to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the FMP as follows: The Western Gulf of Maine (GOM) Closure Area and the minimum gillnet mesh size. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received on or before October 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on GOM Gillnet Study." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135, or submitted via e-mail to the following address: da660@noaa.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Tasker, Fishery Management Specialist, phone 978-281-9273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, and Angelica Fisheries, Inc., submitted an application for an EFP on August 13, 2004. The primary goal of the research is to establish gillnet selectivity curves for haddock in the GOM, and to test whether it is possible to catch legal-size haddock with gillnet gear with mesh size that is less than 6.5 inches (16.5 cm) while avoiding catching cod or other species of concern in an area east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts, during the period January through April 2005. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the regulations implementing the FMP as follows: The Western GOM Closure Area specified at § 648.81(e) and the minimum gillnet mesh size specified at § 648.80(a)(3)(iv)(B)(1).

Five gillnets of mesh sizes ranging from 4.5 to 6.5 inches (11.4 to 16.5 cm), in 0.5-inch (1.3 cm) increments, would be fished in six groups (each group containing one net of each mesh size), for a total of 30 nets. The nets would be of standard commercial length, 300 ft (91.4 m), and approximately two-thirds the standard commercial height, resulting in a height of 7.5 ft (2.3 m). This net size was selected based on the applicants' belief that cod typically are captured in the upper meshes of standard nets when standard nets are fished in this area. The soak times in the early stages of the study would be approximately 3 to 6 hours in order to reduce the likelihood of unwanted bycatch. Soak times may be slowly increased up to 20 hours if doing so can be accomplished with minimal bycatch.

Researchers would fish in area off of Cape Ann, Massachusetts, between 42°35' and 42°50' N. lat. and 69°50' to 70°15' W. long. (30-minute squares 131 and 132). This area includes the Western GOM Closure Area. The research would take place over a total of 14 sea days and would occur on one commercial fishing vessel.

Researchers speculate that they will be able to catch haddock with minimal cod bycatch based on commercial fishing experience that indicates that small cod are not present in this area of relatively deep water during the proposed study period. Furthermore, commercial fishing experience indicates that haddock are present in high densities in the research area during the study period.

Researchers estimate that the total catch for the sampling days would be 30,000 lb (13,608 kg), of which less than 2,000 lb (907 kg) would be cod. Should researchers capture more than 2,000 lb (907 kg) of cod, access to the Western GOM Closure Area would be terminated.

The data collection activities aboard the participating vessels would be conducted by observers from the Gulf of Maine Research Institute and Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to ensure compliance with the experimental fishery objectives.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Roundtable on Electronics Recycling; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Department of Commerce Technology Administration is hosting Technology Recycling: Achieving Consensus for Stakeholders, a roundtable on market issues affecting electronics recycling. Stakeholders including selected representatives of electronics manufacturers, retailers, recyclers, and environmental organizations have been invited to participate. Topics of discussion will include collection and funding mechanisms for electronics recycling, current electronics recycling activities, and creating a market for recycled technology products. The event is open to the public and the press. In order to pre-register, email technologyrecycling@doc.gov or call (202) 482-2475 and leave your name and organization affiliation. If you wish to contribute brochures or display information regarding an ongoing electronics recycling project, please include that information and your phone number in your email or voice mail. Updated information will be available at <http://www.ta.doc.gov>.

DATES: Tuesday, September 21, 2004, from 1 to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Commerce Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Enter through the Department of Commerce main entrance on 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues. Bring a photo ID for security purposes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mae Ellis-Covell, 202-482-1581.

Dated: September 10, 2004.

Michelle O'Neill,

Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

September 14, 2004.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).