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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion in the committee(s) agenda are as follows:

1. The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to continue work on Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 16 is under development to adjust management measures as necessary to continue stock rebuilding. At this meeting, the Committee will review the draft amendment document. They may develop recommendations for any of the management measures under development. Specific items likely to be addressed include, but are not limited to, annual catch limit and accountability measures for the commercial and recreational fisheries, effort control measures, sector administration, monitoring, and policy issues, and gear requirements to reduce incidental catches of regulated groundfish (including requirements for small mesh fisheries in the southern New England and Mid-Atlantic regulated mesh areas).

2. The Committee may also develop recommendations for the identification of preferred alternatives.

3. Other business.

Recommendations from the Committee will be considered by the Council at its meeting, on February 9–11, 2009, in Portsmouth, NH.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 Council(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 Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 7, 2009.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XM66**

### 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 Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/whiting will hold a work session which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel will meet beginning at 9 a.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2009 and will continue through 12 p.m., Friday, February 6, 2009. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. each day or until business for each day is completed and will adjourn at 12 noon on Friday, February 6.

**ADDRESSES:** The Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/whiting will be held at the Hotel Deca, 4507 Brooklyn Avenue N.E., Seattle WA 98105; telephone: 1–800–899–0251.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (206) 437–5670; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/whiting is to review draft 2009 stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information for Pacific whiting, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons for developing management recommendations for 2009 fisheries. No management actions will be decided by the Panel. The Panel(s) role will be development of recommendations and reports for

consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Seattle, WA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel action during this meeting. Panel 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 Panel participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

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Dated: January 7, 2009.

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## PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Statutory Invention Registration.

*Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/94.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651–0036.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 4 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 8 responses per year.

*Average Hours per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take 24 minutes (0.4 hours) to submit a statutory invention registration request, a petition to review a final refusal to publish, and a request to withdraw a publication request. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request.