

Sanctuary) and the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve sit as non-voting members.

The Council is supported by three working groups: the Research Activity Panel (RAP) chaired by the Research Representative, the Sanctuary Education Panel (SEP) chaired by the Education Representative, and the Conservation Working Group (CWG) chaired by the Conservation Representative, each respectively dealing with matters concerning research, education and resource protection. The working groups are composed of experts from the appropriate fields of interest and all meet monthly, serving as invaluable advisors to the Council and the Sanctuary Superintendent. Several task forces have been established to assist in developing specific programmatic goals. Most notable is the formation of the Business and Tourism Activity Panel (BTAP), whose purpose is to strengthen economic partnerships with the Sanctuary Program.

The Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the state and federal management agencies, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the central California coastal and marine ecosystems.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager and is instrumental in helping develop policies, program goals, and identify education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection and revenue enhancement priorities. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program within the context of California's marine programs and policies.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: January 24, 2001.

Ted Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 21, 2001, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The closed session will take place after 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Sugar Bay Beach Club and Resort, 6500 Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 103rd regular public meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

Consideration of 102nd Council Meeting Summary Minutes

Presentation on Proposed Marine Protected Areas and Parks for the U.S.V.I.

Dolphin/Wahoo Fishery Management Plan Final Action

Queen Conch FMP Amendment - Proposed Rule

Other Business

Next Council Meeting

Closed Session for Administrative Matters

The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

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. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 22, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012401C]

North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Committee will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 15-16, 2001, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on February 15.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, in Room 2039, Building 4, Seattle, WA. *Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will begin to develop alternatives, elements and options for crab rationalization which they will forward to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for consideration in April 2001.

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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 24, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011701E]

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) Ad-Hoc Groundfish Management Process Committee (GMPC) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMPC will meet Wednesday, February 14, 2001, from 10 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Large Conference Room, 45 SE 82nd Drive, Suite 100, Gladstone, OR 97027; (503) 650-5400.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck or Don McIsaac, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The formation of this Ad-Hoc committee is in response to a Council request (November 2000) for a formal review of the current groundfish management

process. This is the second meeting of the committee, and the primary purpose of this work session is to refine the recommendations developed at the committee's previous meeting and prepare the committee's report to the Council. Specifically, the GMPC will review a draft 2-year groundfish management schedule, refine several other alternative management schedules, and discuss alternative funding sources to shore up the Council budget. The committee's recommendations will be reported to the Council at the March 2001 Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the GMPC meeting agenda may come before the GMPC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMPC action during the meeting. GMPC 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 GMPC'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) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Richard W. Surdi,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012401A]

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) Ad-Hoc Marine Reserve Process Design Committee (MRPDC) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The MRPDC working meeting will begin Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at 10 a.m. and end by 4 p.m. the same day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Cascade Room of the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR; telephone: 503-249-7621.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Seger, Economic Analysis Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the MRPDC meeting is to design a process, project, and budget for Phase II of the Council's consideration of marine reserves. The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has specified a two-phase process for considering whether or not to recommend marine reserves. The first phase was a conceptual evaluation that concluded in September 2000 with a Council determination that marine reserves have a role in fishery management for the groundfish fishery. During the second phase, options for the design and location of marine reserves will be developed.

Although non-emergency issues not specified the agenda may come before the MRPDC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal MRPDC action during this meeting. MRPDC 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 MRPDC'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) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Richard W. Surdi,

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