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Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050901D]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee and Herring Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel (joint with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Herring Section Panel) in May and June 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on May 31, 2001, and June 6, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Wakefield and Peabody, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, May 31, 2001, 9:30 a.m.— Research Steering Committee Meeting.

Location: Sheraton Colonial, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300.

The agenda will include an update on the April 2001 workshop held to discuss industry-based surveys/study fleets and NMFS follow-up activities. The committee will discuss and evaluate recommendations in a report prepared by the New England Aquarium on cod-tagging. There will also be a discussion of the committee's role in long-term research programs in New England. The committee will have a follow-up discussion about future research planning over the next 3 to 5 years.

Wednesday, June 6, 2001, 10 a.m.— Joint Herring Oversight Committee, Advisory Panel and ASMFC Meeting.

The committee and advisors will review the annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report for the 2000 fishing year, and recommendations from the Herring Plan Development Team for 2002 fishing year specifications for optimum yield from the fishery, total allowable level of foreign fishing, joint venture processing and total allowable catch for each management area. The committee and advisors will develop recommendations to the Council on specifications for the 2002 fishing year. The meeting will be held jointly with the ASMFC Herring Section who will be discussing proposals for herring spawning area closures tolerance provisions. Following that discussion, time permitting, the committee will finalize its list of questions to the advisors on controlled access/limited entry in the herring fishery.

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 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 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 Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: May 11, 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. 050701C]

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) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, June 4, 2001 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5 through Thursday, June 7.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at NMFS Northwest Regional Office, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 1, Director's Conference Room, Seattle, WA; telephone: (206) 526-6120.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator, (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT meeting is to prepare reports and technical advice for the upcoming Council meeting and in support of Council decisions. The GMT will discuss, receive reports, and/or prepare reports on the following topics during this working session, (1) inseason adjustments to 2001 trip limits and other management measures; (2)

assignments relating to the groundfish strategic plan; (3) rebuilding plans for canary rockfish, cowcod, bocaccio, and lingcod; (4) draft widow and darkblotched rockfish rebuilding plans; (5) sablefish endorsement qualification; (6) marine recreational fisheries statistics survey update; (7) exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications; (8) mandatory retention of rockfish proposal; (9) work plan for 2001; (10) Amendment 14 (permit stacking): clarifications and corrections for 2002.

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

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.

Dated: May 10, 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. 050801B]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315) and receipt of application to modify permit (1140).

SUMMARY: NMFS has received new applications for permits and modifications for permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) from the City of Kent

Public Works in Kent, WA; King County Department of Natural Resources in Seattle, WA; King County Department of Transportation in Seattle, WA; the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS in Seattle, WA; Olympic Resource Management in Aberdeen, WA; Pentec Environmental in Edmonds, WA; the Port of Seattle in Seattle, WA; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Seattle, WA.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight time on June 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737 (phone: 503/230-5400). Comments may also be sent via fax to 503/230-5435. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Bill, Portland, OR, at phone: 503/230-5424, Fax: 503/230-5435, e-mail: christopher.bill@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following ESA-listed species and evolutionary significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated, Puget Sound (PS); Threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR).

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): Threatened Hood Canal (HC) summer-run; Threatened Columbia River (CR).

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): Threatened Oregon Coast (OC).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened LCR.

New Applications Received

The City of Kent Public Works (CKPW) requests a 2-year permit (1308) for annual takes of juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated PS chinook salmon associated with scientific research to be conducted in Mullen Slough, a tributary to the lower Green River. The purpose of the study is to determine habitat limiting factors that affect juvenile salmonids. The research will benefit PS chinook salmon by providing a spatial and temporal inventory of fish present in Mullen Slough and by helping guide King County in designing projects that will protect PS chinook salmon and fish resources. The study will also be used to guide future protection and restoration of critical habitat within the City of Kent and its urban growth area.

CKPW proposes to observe/harass, capture (using electrofishing), handle, and release juvenile PS chinook salmon.

The King County Department of Natural Resources (KCDNR) requests a 5-year permit (1309) for annual takes of juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated PS chinook salmon associated with scientific research to be conducted under three studies in Washington State.

Study 1. The purpose of study 1 is to determine the presence of PS chinook salmon and their use of nearshore habitat in King County's lakes, streams, and marine nearshore habitats. The research will benefit PS chinook salmon by determining the effectiveness of County programs at protecting, conserving, and restoring habitat for PS chinook salmon. KCDNR proposes to capture (using beach and purse seines, fyke nets, and minnow traps), handle, and release juvenile PS chinook salmon. KCDNR also requests indirect mortality associated with the study.

Study 2. The purpose of study 2 is to determine juvenile salmonid utilization of off-channel rearing habitats in the Cedar River system in King County and Puget Sound nearshore habitat. The study will benefit PS chinook salmon by providing information about the effects of habitat restoration efforts and management activities. The study will also provide information about ESA-listed species' distribution. KCDNR proposes to capture (using fyke nets), handle, and release juvenile PS chinook salmon. KCDNR also requests indirect mortality associated with the study.

Study 3. The purpose of study 3 is to collect information about PS chinook salmon survival and outmigration timing and to refine sampling methods for application to future studies of salmonid survival in the Green/Duwamish watershed. The research will benefit PS chinook salmon by providing information to help implement an effective salmon recovery plan. KCDNR proposes to capture (using beach seines and fyke nets), handle, scale sample, and release juvenile PS chinook salmon. KCDNR also requests indirect mortality associated with the study.

The King County Department of Transportation (KCDOT) requests a 5-year permit (1310) for annual takes of adult and juvenile, naturally produced and artificially propagated PS chinook salmon associated with scientific research to be conducted in multiple streams in King County, WA. The purpose of the research is to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation and enhancement of streams, wetlands, and riparian habitats associated with King County road projects. The research will