

halibut excluder Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP).

12. GOA Rockfish Pilot Program: Receive report which reviews the Rockfish Pilot Program; Receive report on Central GOA Rockfish EFP, phase one.

13. BSAI Crab Overfishing Level (OFLs): Receive Plan Team report on BSAI crab OFLs; Review preliminary Crab Stock Assessment Evaluation report.

14. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking; review Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement priorities workplan; Receive report on native/community/stakeholder participation.

15. Other Business.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Halibut Subsistence
2. Salmon Bycatch
3. Research Priorities
4. GOA Sideboards
5. GOA Rockfish Pilot
6. BSAI Crab OFLs
7. GOA Groundfish

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council, except for t1 reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

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 these meetings. 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 Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Economic and Groundfish Subcommittees (Subcommittees) of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will hold a joint working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Subcommittees will meet Wednesday, May 28, 2008, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed, and reconvene on Thursday, May 29 at 8 a.m. and adjourn that day upon completion of business.

ADDRESSES: The Subcommittees' meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport, Cedar I and II Room, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 460-3000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Subcommittees' meeting is to review the analysis developed in support of Council consideration of a preliminary preferred trawl rationalization alternative.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Subcommittees for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of action during this meeting. The Subcommittees' 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 Subcommittee's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held from Tuesday, May 27, 2008, through Thursday May 29, 2008. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific times, dates, and agenda items.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at Waiakea High School, 155 W. Kawili Street, Hilo, HI; at the Hawaii Big Game Fishing Club at the Honokohau Harbor in Kona, HI; and at Pacific Ocean Producers, Pier 38, 1133 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Dates and Times and Locations

The public meetings will be held between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at Waiakea High School in Hilo, HI; Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at the Hawaii Big Game Fishing Club in Kona, HI; and on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at Pacific Ocean Producers in Honolulu, HI.

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Description of Management Alternatives under Consideration for the Offshore Handline Pelagics Fishery
3. Discussion and Questions
4. Public Comment

The Western Pacific Council voted at its 139th meeting in October 2007 directed staff to draft an amendment to its Pelagic Fisheries Management Plan