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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, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet June 7–13, 2018. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Friday, June 8, 2018 at 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), reconvening at 8 a.m. each day through Wednesday, June 13, 2018. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Friday, June 8 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Spokane City Center, 322 N. Spokane Falls Court, Spokane, WA; telephone: (509) 455-9600.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. Instructions for attending the meeting via live stream broadcast are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820-2280 or (866) 806-

7204 toll-free; or access the Pacific Council website, <http://www.pcouncil.org> for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The June 7–13, 2018 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PDT Friday, June 8, 2018 and continue at 8 a.m. daily through Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Broadcasts end daily at 5 p.m. PDT or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Pacific Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online, please use the following link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> and enter the June Webinar ID, 530-089-227, and your email address. You can attend the webinar online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the toll number 1-562-247-8321 (not a toll-free number), audio access code 240-052-611, and entering the audio pin shown after joining the webinar.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as “Final Action” refer to actions requiring the Council to transmit a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under Sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, advisory entity meeting times, and meeting rooms are described in Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance June 2018 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council website at www.pcouncil.org no later than Friday, May 18, 2018.

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda

B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

C. Administrative Matters

1. Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report
2. Electronic Monitoring (EM) Cost

- Allocation Policy Directive
3. National Marine Fisheries Service White Paper on Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA)
4. Research and Data Needs Document—Preliminary Draft
5. Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs
6. Legislative Matters
7. Federal Fishery Permit Citizen Requirements—Scoping
8. Fiscal Matters
9. Approval of Council Meeting Record
10. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
11. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

D. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues

E. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. New and Continuing Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Approval for 2019–2020
3. Final Action on Stock Assessment Plans and Terms of Reference (TOR)
4. Final Action to Adopt Management Measures for 2019–2020 Fisheries
5. Inseason Adjustments—Final Action

F. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. Live Bait Fishery Allowance Amendment Scoping

G. Highly Migratory Species

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Recommendations for International Management Activities
3. Drift Gillnet Performance Metrics
4. Update on Existing Deep-Set Buoy Gear (DSGB) Exempted Fishing Permits
5. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization—Final Range of Alternatives and Preliminary Preferred Alternative for Number of Limited Entry Permits
6. Preliminary Review of New Non-Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Applications and Resubmission of Previous Deep-Set Buoy Gear Applications
7. Swordfish Management Project Planning and Observer Change

Advisory Body Agendas

Advisory body agendas will include discussions of relevant issues that are on the Pacific Council agenda for this meeting, and may also include issues that may be relevant to future Council meetings. Proposed advisory body agendas for this meeting will be available on the Pacific Council website <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-briefing-book/> no later than Friday, May 18, 2018.

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings*Day 1—Thursday, June 7, 2018*

Habitat Committee—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.
 Legislative Committee—10 a.m.
 Budget Committee—1 p.m.

Day 2—Friday, June 8, 2018

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants—3 p.m.

Day 3—Saturday, June 9, 2018

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc

Day 4—Sunday, June 10, 2018

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc

Day 5—Monday, June 11, 2018

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc

Day 6—Tuesday, June 12, 2018

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species

Management Team—8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc
Day 7—Wednesday, June 13, 2018
 California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Pacific Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 Pacific Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: May 17, 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Identification of Nations Engaged in Illegal, Unreported, or Unregulated Fishing, Bycatch, or Shark Fishing

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

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: NMFS is seeking information regarding nations whose vessels are engaged in illegal, unreported, or unregulated (IUU) fishing, bycatch of protected living marine resources (PLMR), and/or fishing activities in waters beyond any national jurisdiction that target or incidentally catch sharks. Such information will be reviewed for the purposes of the identification of nations pursuant to the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (Moratorium Protection Act) and

ongoing implementation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act Import Provisions.

DATES: Information should be received on or before December 31, 2018. A public webinar will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. eastern daylight saving time on June 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Information may be submitted to either by mail to: NMFS Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, Attn.: MSRA Information, F/IS 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or electronically to: IUU.PLMR.Sharks@noaa.gov. Information on how to participate in the June 26, 2018, public webinar will be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Oriana Villar, phone 301-427-8384, or email Oriana.Villar@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Shark Conservation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-348) amended the Moratorium Protection Act by requiring that actions be taken by the United States to strengthen shark conservation. In November 2015, the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015 (IUUFEA) (Pub. L. 114-81) further amended the Moratorium Protection Act by, among other things, expanding the scope of information that can be used for the identification of nations to three years for the IUU fishing and bycatch provisions. In December 2016 the Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act (EAPFA) (Pub. L. 114-327) amended the Moratorium Protection Act by also expanding the scope of information that can be used for the identification of nations to three years for the shark provisions.

Specifically, the Moratorium Protection Act requires the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to identify in a biennial report to Congress those nations whose fishing vessels are engaged, or have been engaged at any point during the preceding three years, in IUU fishing. The definition of IUU fishing can be found at 50 CFR 300.201 and includes:

(1) Fishing activities that violate conservation and management measures required under an international fishery management agreement to which the United States is a party, including catch limits or quotas, capacity restrictions, bycatch reduction requirements, shark conservation measures, and data reporting;

(2) In the case of non-parties to an international fishery management agreement to which the United States is a party, fishing activities that would undermine the conservation of the