

written statements to the e-mail, fax, or mailing address below. A written summary of the meeting will be posted on the Web site within one month of its occurrence.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, May 16, 2005 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. e.d.t.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, 350 Commercial Street, Portland, Maine 04101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Kelsey, National System Development Coordinator, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. (Phone: 301-713-3155 ext. 230, Fax: 301-713-3110); e-mail: mpa.comments@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at http://mpa.gov/national_system/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These forums are intended to solicit the public's views regarding the development of a national system of MPAs. All input received via these dialogues, e-mail, or fax will be for the public record and considered in developing a draft proposal for a national system of MPAs. At this preliminary stage in the effort to develop the national system, NOAA does not intend to respond to any comments received via these dialogues, e-mail, fax, or mail. Once a draft proposal is developed for the national system of MPAs, NOAA will publish it in the **Federal Register** for formal public comment and will subsequently provide a formal response to comments received.

Matters To Be Considered: Executive Order 13158 (May 26, 2000) calls for the development of a national system of MPAs. These forums are intended to solicit the public's views concerning the development of a national system of MPAs. Refer to the Web page listed above for background information concerning these dialogues and the development of the national system of MPAs.

Dated: April 13, 2005.

Eldon Hout,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 meeting will be held Monday, May 23, 2005 from 1 p.m. until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene Tuesday, May 24 through Friday, May 27, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GMT meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97220-1384. Telephone: 503-820-2280.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT meeting is to discuss groundfish management measures in place for the spring and summer months and consider inseason adjustments to ongoing West Coast groundfish fisheries, respond to assignments relating to implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan, discuss new groundfish stock assessments, discuss implementation strategies for Groundfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 18, discuss alternatives for specifying and protecting West Coast groundfish essential fish habitat, discuss a range of alternatives for developing an individual quota (or dedicated access) program for the West Coast limited entry trawl fishery, discuss alternative revision rules for adopted groundfish rebuilding plans, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. The GMT's role will be development of recommendations for consideration by

the Council at its June meeting in Foster City, California.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 GMT'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 15, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041505D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for Pacific ocean perch, darkblotched rockfish, and cabezon will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The Pacific ocean perch, darkblotched rockfish, and cabezon STAR Panel will meet beginning at 8 a.m., Monday, May 16, 2005. The meeting will continue through Friday, May 20, 2005 beginning at 8 a.m. every morning. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific information regarding dates, times and locations for the meetings.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE