

Document for Consideration of a Network of Marine Reserves and Marine Conservation Areas within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS), receive reports from Council advisory subpanels, Enforcement Consultants, Habitat Committee, and Scientific and Statistical Committee. Based on their review and advisory committee reports, the CIMRC will develop recommendations for the Council's November 2004 meeting. CINMS and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration staff involved with the development of the draft document will be available for discussions with the CIMRC.

At the November 2004 Council meeting, it is anticipated the Council would be scheduled to review the comments of the advisory bodies and public and provide formal comment to CINMS for completing the range of alternatives and analytical elements of a draft environmental impact statement for proposed marine reserves and marine conservation areas within CINMS.

More information about the proposed CINMS project and draft document is available at: http://www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov/marineres/enviro_review.html

This is a public meeting, and time for public comment will be provided at the discretion of the committee chair. Generally, a public comment period will be provided just prior to the end of each day. Please note, this is not a public hearing, rather it is a work session to develop information for Council consideration.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the CIMRC 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 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 CIMRC'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 503-820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 15, 2004.

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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 (Council) will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee, which is open to the public. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review the Council recommendations on expanding the VMS program for West Coast groundfish fisheries to additional fishery sectors and to develop recommendations for the November 2004 Council meeting.

DATES: The Ad Hoc VMS Committee will meet Thursday, October 7, 2004 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205-3725; telephone: 503-228-2000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Fishery Management Council Groundfish Staff Officer; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council approved and the National Marine Fisheries Service implemented a pilot VMS program which began on January 1, 2004 for the limited entry trawl and limited entry fixed gear groundfish fishery sectors. The committee needs to consider expanding the VMS program to ensure effective monitoring and enforcement of area closures in commercial and recreational groundfish fisheries. At the September 2004 Council meeting, the Council is scheduled to review a draft Environmental Assessment which builds on the existing program and consider adopting a range of program

expansion alternatives for public review. The Ad Hoc VMS Committee will review the current VMS program, consider Council recommendations on expanding the program, and develop recommendations for the November 2004 Council meeting.

At the November 2004 Council meeting, it is anticipated the Council would be scheduled to review the comments of the advisory bodies and public and identify a preferred alternative for expansion of the current monitoring program.

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the