

in the Clearwater River would be expanded to include the South Fork Clearwater River. The fishery area in the Little Salmon River would be expanded from the current 4 mi (6.4 km) upstream to approximately 25 mi (40.2 km). Two additional areas would be opened for chinook fishing: The Salmon River from its mouth 30 mi (48.3 km) upstream to the mouth of the Little Salmon River, and approximately 60 mi (96.6 km) of the Snake River from the mouth of the Imnaha River upstream to Hells Canyon Dam. For modification 1, IDFG also requests an additional incidental take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with the requested expanded and additional fishery areas.

IDFG also requests authorization for take of adult, threatened, naturally produced Snake River steelhead incidental to the currently authorized fisheries and the requested modification. At the time permit 1233 was originally issued, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA had not been promulgated by NMFS. Protective regulations were subsequently issued (July 10, 2000, 65 FR 42422). When NMFS issued the current permit, impacts of the proposed fisheries to listed Snake River steelhead were assessed in a biological opinion, and NMFS determined that the fisheries would not jeopardize the continued existence of threatened Snake River steelhead. The proposed modification would authorize levels of take consistent with that analysis and opinion.

In its Plan, IDFG is proposing to limit state recreational fisheries such that the incidental impacts on ESA-listed salmonids will be minimized. Three alternatives for the IDFG fisheries are provided in the Plan: (1) The no action alternative; (2) the proposed conservation plan alternative (based on continuing fisheries at levels similar to those permitted since 1995); and (3) historic fishing levels.

Environmental Assessment/finding of No Significant Impact

The EA package includes a draft EA and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact which concludes that issuing the modification to the incidental take permit is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended. Three Federal action alternatives have been analyzed in the draft EA: (1) The no action alternative; (2) issue a permit

without conditions; and (3) issue a permit with conditions.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA and the NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the NEPA regulations and section 10(a) of the ESA. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a modified permit will be issued for incidental takes of ESA-listed anadromous salmonids under the jurisdiction of NMFS. The final NEPA and permit determinations will not be completed until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all public comments received during the comment period. NMFS will publish a record of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

Karen Salvini,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041001B]

Re-opening of Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP's) proposed for Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, WA, and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, WA

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

ACTION: Re-opening of comment period.

SUMMARY: NMFS is re-opening the comment period for the DEIS for the HCP's proposed for Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, WA, and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, WA. NMFS has received several requests to extend the comment period. NMFS has determined that these requests are reasonable and has re-opened the comment period to facilitate the receipt of the public's views on the DEIS. The original announcement of the notice of availability of the DEIS for the HCP's was published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2000.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must be received on or before May 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: For copies of the DEIS, or to provide written comments, contact: Robert Dach, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Region, Hydro Program, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 420, Portland, OR 97232-2737. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503/231-2318. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

The DEIS and the proposed HCPs are available for review via the Internet at www.nwr.noaa.gov/1hydro/hydroweb/ferc.htm (under the "Related Documents" heading).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Dach at phone number: 503/736-4734, or e-mail: Robert.Dach@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The notice of availability of the DEIS for comment was published on December 29, 2000 (65 FR 82976-82977). Since that time, NMFS had received numerous requests to extend the comment period. Requests have been received from the Department of Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, several non-governmental organizations, and Native American Tribes. NMFS determined that these requests were reasonable, is re-opening the comment period, and is soliciting specific information, comments, data, and/or recommendations on any aspect of the DEIS.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

Karen Salvini,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
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Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040501A]

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) from April 24-26, 2001.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. April 24, 2001, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

2. April 25, 2001, 9 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
3. April 26, 2001, 8 a.m.–11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Island House Hotel, 26650 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach, AL. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Operations, Management and Information, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel Bryant, Designated Federal Official; telephone: (301) 713–2259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC and MAFAC Subcommittees. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1972, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of the Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and of environmental, state, consumer, academic, tribal, and other national interests.

Matters to Be Considered

April 24, 2001

General Overview of Agency initiatives, Budget Reports FY01 status and FY02 request

April 25, 2001

Full Committee discussion of National Environmental Policy Act and coordinate with other legislative mandates of the Steering Committee. Kammer Report and MAFAC Views Paper

April 26, 2001

Wrap-up reports and adjourn

Time will be set aside for public comment on agenda items.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: April 9, 2001.

William T. Hogarth,

Acting Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040601I]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Red Crab Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535–4600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will hear a report from the Red Crab Plan Development Team. The committee will discuss alternatives for potential management measures to be considered and analyzed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, (DSEIS), for the Fishery Management Plan (FMP). They will discuss issues related to an overfishing definition, bycatch, developing a reporting and data collection system, and biological, social and economic objectives for the fishery and the FMP.

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

This meeting is 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: April 9, 2001.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040601H]

Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Recreational Fisheries Data Task Force (RFDTF) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 11, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the seventh meeting of the RFDTF which will discuss the following topics: progress on the NMFS Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistical Survey and its implementation in Hawaii, University of Hawaii's Pelagic Fisheries Research Program meta-data project update, analysis of the 1996 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service fishing and hunting survey, protected species and related legislation and recreational fisherman, effect of longline fishery closure on small boat and recreational fisheries, identifying recreational versus commercial catch in fishing club and tournament record data, revenue generation of the recreational fishing industry in Hawaii and other business as required.

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