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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 (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet June 10-15, 2001. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, June 12, at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 12 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel, 1177 Airport Boulevard, Burlingame, CA 94010; telephone: 650-342-9200.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503)326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. All items listed are subject to potential Council action.

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions,
2. Roll Call

3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve March 2001 and April 2001 Minutes

B. Salmon Management

1. NMFS Report
2. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries

C. Groundfish Management

1. NMFS Report
2. Sablefish Three-Tier Program Qualification with Setnet Landings
3. Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey Update
4. Status of the 2001 Stock Assessment Review Panel Meetings
5. Stock Assessment Priorities for 2002
6. Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications
7. Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Permit Stacking and Season for 2001 and beyond
8. Incidental Pacific Halibut Harvest Restrictions for the Primary, Limited Entry Longline Sablefish Fishery North of Point Chehalis, Washington
9. Strategic Plan Implementation
10. Rebuilding Plans for Canary Rockfish, Cowcod, Pacific Ocean Perch, Bocaccio, Lingcod, Widow Rockfish, and Darkblotched Rockfish
11. Preliminary Harvest Levels for 2002
12. American Fisheries Act Management Measures
13. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments
14. Full Retention Measures

D. Habitat Issues

Essential Fish Habitat Issues

E. Marine Reserves

1. Review of West Coast Marine Reserves Efforts
2. Marine Reserves in the Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary

F. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. International Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Discussions and Actions
2. Public Review Draft of the HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP)
3. Draft FMP Public Hearing Schedule

G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. Exempted Fishing Permit Applications
2. Pacific Mackerel Harvest Guideline and Other Specifications for 2002
3. Market Squid Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) Methodology Review Workshop

H. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of the Budget Committee

2. Status of Legislation
3. Appointments to Advisory Bodies or Other Council Positions
4. Council Staff Work Load Priorities
5. September 2001 Council Meeting Draft Agenda

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2001

Scientific and Statistical Committee Highly Migratory Species Subcommittee 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001

Council Secretariate 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
Budget Committee 10 a.m.
Habitat Steering Group 1 p.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2001

Council Secretariate 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
Habitat Steering Group 8 a.m.-noon
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.-noon
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team: As necessary
Enforcement Consultants: Immediately following Council Session
Groundfish FMP EIS Scoping Meeting 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2001

Council Secretariate 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel: As necessary
Groundfish Management Team: As necessary
Enforcement Consultants: As necessary

THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2001

Council Secretariate 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team: As necessary
Enforcement Consultants: As necessary

FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2001

Council Secretariate 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.

Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants: As necessary

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this 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 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 11, 2001.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

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Under Secretary/Office of Technology Policy Grants Program

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Office of Technology Policy, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce invites proposals from eligible organizations for funding projects under the Under Secretary/Office of Technology Policy (US/OTP) Grants Program. Under this program, the Under Secretary/Office of Technology Policy will provide grants and cooperative agreements in the following areas: Identifying Government Policies That Affect Innovation, Supporting State and Local Efforts to Harness Technology for Economic Development, and Facilitating Technology Development and Transfer.

DATES: The US/OTP Grants Program proposals must be received no later than the close of business September 30, 2001. Proposals received after June 30,

2001 will continue to be processed and considered for funding but may be funded in the next fiscal year, subject to the availability of funds.

ADDRESSES: Applicants are requested to submit one signed original and two copies of the proposal, along with a Grant Application, (Standard Form 424 REV. 7/97 and other required forms), clearly marked to identify the field of research, to: Jon Paugh; Office of Technology Policy; Technology Competitiveness Staff, Room 4418; United States Department of Commerce; 14th & Constitution Ave.; Washington, DC 20239; Tel: (202) 482-2100; E-mail: otptech@ta.doc.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Laney-Cummings; Office of Technology Policy; Technology Competitiveness Staff, Room 4418; United States Department of Commerce; 14th & Constitution Ave.; Washington, DC 20239; Tel: (202) 482-2100; E-mail: otptech@ta.doc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The authority for the US/OTP Grants Program is as follows: As authorized by 15 U.S.C. 3704 (b) and (c) and 15 U.S.C. 3706, the Office of Technology Policy conducts directly, and supports through grants and cooperative agreements, a program of policy analysis and development relating to technological innovation and its contribution to economic growth and industrial competitiveness.

Background: The responsibilities of the Office of Technology Policy (OTP) are defined by the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act, 15 U.S.C. 3701 et seq., and related legislation, detailed below. The Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act requires the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, who serves as Director of OTP, to support the Under Secretary for Technology in carrying out the Act's policy responsibilities by:

- Conducting technology policy analyses to improve United States industrial productivity, technology, and innovation, and cooperate with United States industry in the improvement of its productivity, technology, and ability to compete successfully in world markets;
- Identifying technological needs, problems, and opportunities within and across industrial sectors that, if addressed, could make a significant contribution to the economy of the United States;
- Supporting studies and policy experiments, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, to determine the effectiveness of measures with the potential of advancing U.S. technological innovation;

- Encouraging and assisting joint initiatives by State or local governments, regional organizations, private businesses, institutions or higher education, nonprofit organizations, or Federal laboratories to encourage technology transfer, to stimulate innovation, and to promote an appropriate climate for investment in technology-related industries;

- Serving as a convener for discussions among U.S. companies on topics of interest to industry and labor, including discussions regarding manufacturing or emerging technologies.

In addition, the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act, the Federal Technology Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 3710, the Bayh-Dole Act, 15 U.S.C. 200 et seq., and implementing regulations found at 37 CFR Parts 401, 404, and 501 give OTP specific responsibilities to encourage cooperation between government, universities and industry in the development and diffusion of new technologies. OTP is to:

- Provide services to Federal agencies in support of the commercialization of technology developed at Federal laboratories
- Monitor agency use of cooperative agreements and prepare regular reports on agency use of those mechanisms
- Develop policies and issue regulations governing ownership and licensing of patents arising from Federally-funded research at universities and in small businesses
- Issue regulations governing licensing of Federally owned inventions by the federal agencies
- Decide disputes regarding ownership of patents between Federal agencies and their employees.

Program Description and Objectives:

Specific examples of policy-related activities that OTP may wish to support through grants or cooperative agreements are presented here in terms of OTP's areas of policy activity:

I. Identifying Government Policies That Affect Innovation—OTP is interested in identifying and analyzing government policy areas with a marked effect on private sector innovation. To this end, OTP is interested in proposals for projects related to emerging policy issues that affect the business environment for innovation—for example, regulatory barriers, tax and accounting rules, legal issues such as intellectual property rights or liability, investment incentives, capital availability, ethical issues, or workforce-related issues. Preferences will be given to issues that impact multiple business sectors or that may have spillover effects for the U.S. economy.