

14 and/or Framework 6, and adopt a modified plan of action for Amendment 14, Framework 6, or both. The Council will review options regarding multi-year setting of specifications for spiny dogfish as proposed in Framework 1 to the Dogfish FMP, and review and comment on the principal measures contained in Amendment 2 to NMFS' FMP for Highly Migratory Species (HMS), i.e., Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and sharks.

Thursday, March 17

The Research Set-Aside Committee will review the 2006 request for proposal (RFP), and review and comment on changes to NOAA's grant process. The Tilefish Committee will review and discuss items to be addressed in a scoping document to be used in the development of Amendment 1. The Council will convene at 10 a.m. and conduct a scoping meeting to address the possible need for a Controlled Access System for Atlantic mackerel; hear committee reports; and, act on any new and/or continuing business.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting, of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Non-Target Species Committee.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Non-Target Species Committee will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 14, 2005, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and March 15, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the AFSC, 7600 Sand Point Way North East, Building 4, Room 2143, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will: (1) review and provide comments on a discussion paper to separate the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands other species category into squid, shark, skate, sculpins, and octopus groups for total allowable catch setting; (2) draft a problem statement for (target and non-target) rockfish management; and (3) draft an outline for a discussion paper to address problem(s) in the rockfish fisheries. The committee will report to the Council at the April 2005 Council meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022305G]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Gulf Rationalization Community Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 30, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Fireweed Room, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Kimball, Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will address design elements of the Community Fisheries Quota (CFQ) Program and Community Purchase Program proposed under the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf rationalization amendment package.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 126th meeting to consider and take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The 126th Council meeting and public hearings will be held on March 14-17, 2005. For specific times, and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The 126th Council meeting and public hearings will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-955-4811.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Council will hear recommendations from other Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Council will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for Council Standing Committee Meetings

Monday, March 14, 2005

1. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Enforcement/Vessel Monitoring Systems Standing Committee
2. 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Ecosystem and Habitat Standing Committee
3. 10 a.m. - Noon - Pelagic and International Standing Committee
4. 10 a.m. - Noon - Bottomfish Standing Committee
5. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Precious Corals/Crustaceans Standing Committee
6. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Indigenous Rights Standing Committee
7. 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Executive/Budget and Program Standing Committee

Schedule and Agenda for Public Hearings

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Bigeye Overfishing Plan

The Council will consider management action on overfishing occurring on Pacific bigeye stocks.

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Council action considered on Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Sanctuary Fishing Regulations for NWHI bottomfish, crustacean, precious coral, pelagic and coral reef ecosystem fisheries, pursuant to the proposed designation of the NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve as a national marine sanctuary.

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Council action considered on measures to manage Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) bottomfish.

4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Council action considered on NWHI Sanctuary Fishing Regulations for NWHI bottomfish, crustacean, precious coral, pelagic and coral reef ecosystem fisheries, pursuant to the proposed designation of the NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve as a national marine sanctuary.

The agenda during the full Council meeting will include the items listed here.

For more information on public hearing items, see Background Information.

Schedule and Agenda for Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2005, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of 124th and 125th meeting minutes
4. Island reports

A. American Samoa

B. Guam

C. Hawaii

D. CNMI

5. Reports from fishery agencies and organizations

A. Department of Commerce

a. NMFS

i. Pacific Islands Regional Office

ii. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science

Center

b. National Marine Sanctuary Program

i. Pacific Sanctuaries update

c. NOAA General Counsel Southwest Region/Pacific Islands Region

B. The Department of the Interior - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

C. State Department

D. Report from non-governmental organizations

6. Enforcement/vessel monitoring systems

A. US Coast Guard activities

B. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Activities

B.1 OLE Report

C. Enforcement Activities of Local Agencies

D. Status of Violations

E. Hawaii Shallow-set Operational Plan

F. American Samoa Limited Entry Program

G. Bottomfish Fishery Permits and Reporting Requirements

H. Update on Electronic Logbooks Amendment

7. Pelagic Fisheries (Domestic and International)

A. Bigeye Overfishing Plan (ACTION ITEM)

B. Institutional Arrangements for Pelagic Management in the Western Central Pacific Ocean

C. American Samoa & Hawaii Longline Fisheries

1. 2004 Third and Fourth Quarter Reports

2. Shallow-set longline definition

3. Proposed changes to Hawaii-based longline fishery closed area

D. International Issues

1. Preparatory Conference 7/Western and Central Pacific Fishery Management Commission 1

2. FAO Technical Consultation on Turtles

3. FAO/COFI

4. Sea Turtle Mitigation