

*Matters to Be Considered:* The meeting will include, but not be limited to, the following topics: (1) Discussion of procedures for completion of the first draft of the Synthesis and Assessment Product 5.3; (2) Discussion of plans for completion and submission of future drafts and procedures; (3) Discussion of a stakeholder workshop to be held in early January.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Nancy Beller-Simms, Designated Federal Official, CPDC—S&A 5.3 (NOAA Climate Program Office, 1315 East West Highway, Room 12221, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Phone: 301-734-1200, Fax: 301-713-0515, E-mail: [Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov](mailto:Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov)) or visit the Web site at <http://www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=../ccsp/53.jsp>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111506B]

#### Mid-Atlantic 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 Trawl Survey Advisory Panel, composed of representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), and several independent scientific researchers, will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday, December 12, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ 07094, telephone: (201) 348-6900.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to review the status of the new research vessel FSV Henry B. Bigelow and evaluate survey protocols for the new survey.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111406H]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a council workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a workshop on potential gear modification regulations as a part of the analysis for the Bering Sea Habitat Conservation analysis.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, in the Dillingham/Katmai Room, Anchorage, AK.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cathy Coon, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the workshop will be to

discuss practical issues surrounding potential requirements for trawl sweeps in Bering Sea bottom trawl fisheries. Bottom trawl gear modifications are being considered as an alternative to reduce the impacts of fishing on benthic habitat in the Bering Sea. Research has indicated that adding discs or rollers to the sweep reduces bottom contact without substantially reducing catch rates of target species. Details of a gear requirement, such as disc size, composition, spacing, attachment, and enforcement have not yet been determined. While testimony before the Council and its committees will be the venue to address whether such regulations should be pursued, this workshop provides a venue to gather practical information, identify issues relative to enforcement and implementation of potential regulations, and identify workable solutions.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111406G]

#### North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on December 4, 2006 through December 12, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W.

4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gail Bendixen, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6, continuing through December 12, 2006. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 4 and continue through Saturday December 9. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 6 and continue through Friday December 8, 2006. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Birch/Willow Room. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

*Council Plenary Session:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports
  - a. Executive Director's Report
  - b. NMFS Management Report (including Resource Access Management Division crab management report)
  - c. North Pacific Research Board Report
  - d. Enforcement Report
  - e. U.S. Coast Guard Report
  - f. Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report (including review of halibut subsistence survey report)
  - g. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
  - h. Department of State Report
  - i. Protected Species Report (including Marine Mammal Protected Act List of Fisheries for 2007, Adak area pollock study, update on consultation, SSC review of ranking tool)
2. Charter Halibut Management: Status report on 2005 Guideline Harvest Levels (GHLs) and committee report; review discussion paper on 5-fish limit, and committee report and action as necessary; review discussion paper on Halibut Act proposed amendment and committee report, and action as necessary; review separate accountability issue and committee report and action as necessary; review moratorium discussion paper and committee report; review discussion paper on allocations/shares and committee report and action as necessary; review discussion paper on allocations/shares and committee report and action as necessary.
3. Maximum Retainable Amounts (MRA) Adjustments: Final action on amendment.

4. Trawl License Limitation Program Recency: Preliminary review of analysis and direction as necessary.

5. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Rationalization: Review analysis and refine alternatives.

6. Seabird Interactions: Initial review of Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review (EA/RIR).

7. Groundfish Management: Receive report on summary of comments on Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); review GOA Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation Report (SAFE), adopt final harvest specifications for 2007/08; review Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) SAFE, adopt final harvest specifications for 2007/08; review Adak Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP).

8. Prohibited species bycatch: Final action on Vessel Incentive Program (VIP) repeal amendment package; Review EFP for Salmon Bycatch.

9. Bering Sea Habitat Conservation: Receive report on gear research and finalize alternatives for analysis (T).

10. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking and take action as necessary; review progress on the Arctic management, and action as necessary; refine Programmatic Environmental Impact statement management policy workplan.

11. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- a. North Pacific Research Board report
- b. Protected Species
- c. Charter Halibut moratorium
- d. Trawl LLP Recency
- e. Seabird Interactions
- f. Groundfish Management
- g. EFP Review
- h. Bering Sea Habitat Conservation
- i. BS/AI Crab Management

The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 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 Gail Bendixen at

(907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 15, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111406E]

#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a work session via conference call, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT will meet via conference call on Monday, December 4, 2006, from 1 p.m. until business is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** A public listening station will be available at the following location: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Laura Bozzi, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the GMT work session is to discuss the Trawl Individual Quota alternatives under development by the Council. Specifically, the GMT will continue to develop statements that address the management feasibility of particular aspects of the proposed alternatives. No management actions will be decided by the GMT on these issues. The GMT's statements will be provided to facilitate decision-making at the Council's Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) December 12-14, 2006 meeting, as well as to the Council and its advisory bodies at a later point.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to