

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel and Oversight Committee in May, 2002, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between May 13–15, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Inn Providence Airport, 1850 Post Road, Warwick RI 02886; telephone: (401) 738–4000.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Monday, May 13, 2002, at 10 a.m.*—Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting.

The Advisory Panel will develop recommendations on Draft Amendment 10 for consideration by the Scallop Oversight Committee. The recommendations may include preferred alternatives and/or amendments to the draft alternatives.

Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 9 a.m.—Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting.

The Oversight Committee will review analyses of potential impacts associated with Draft Amendment 10 alternatives, consider recommendations from the Advisory Committee and choose preferred alternatives for recommendation to the Council. The committee may recommend additional analyses or amendments to the alternatives before the Council approves the documents for public hearing.

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Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 24, 2002.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 042402A]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Monday, April 29, 2002, meeting of an ad hoc committee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has been cancelled.

DATES: The meeting was scheduled to convene at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 29, 2002, and adjourn the same day when business is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting was to occur in Suite C of the California Department of Fish and Game Offices at 4665 Lampson Avenue, Los Alamitos, California 90720, 562–342–7114.

Council address: 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, Fishery Economics Staff Officer, telephone: 503–326–6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial notice was published on April 15, 2002 (see 67 FR 18175, April 15, 2002). The meeting may or may not be rescheduled for a later date. The purpose of the meeting was to review California Fish and Game Commission proposals for the creation of marine reserves for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary.

Dated: April 24, 2002.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 040902C]

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's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, May 13, 2002, at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 through Friday, May 17.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: (831) 420–3900.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 326–6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GMT working meeting is to plan strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2002 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2002. Additionally, the GMT will discuss groundfish management measures in place for the spring and summer months, discuss recommended management measures for 2003 fisheries, respond to assignments relating to implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan, review and consider technical aspects of draft stock rebuilding plans and analyses, review new groundfish stock assessments and survey results, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management.

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under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMT'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) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042202G]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The 80th meeting of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will convene May 14 through May 16, 2002, in Lihue, HI.

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 14, 2002, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 15-16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The 80th SSC meeting will be held at the Kauai Marriott Resort and Beach Club, 3610 Rice Street, Kalapaki Beach, Lihue, HI; telephone: (808-245-5050).

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

Tuesday, May 14, 2002, 9 a.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 79th Meeting
4. Comprehensive Sustainable Fisheries Act Amendment

Maximum Sustainable Yield/overfishing control rules

5. Crustaceans Fisheries (Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) lobsters)

- A. Report on the Modeling Workshop
- B. Plan Team report
- C. Discussion and recommendations

6. Bottomfish Fisheries

- A. Research on Hapuupuu
- B. Annual Report Modules
- C. NWHI Framework Adjustment
- D. Plan Team Recommendations
- E. Public comment
- F. Discussion and recommendations

7. Hawaiian Monk Seals

- A. Quarterly Report on Activities of the Marine Mammal Research Program (MMRP)
- B. Monk Seal Recovery Team update
- C. Marine Mammal Commission review of MMRP
- D. Simulation model
- E. Discussion and recommendations

Wednesday, May 15, 2002, 8:30 a.m.

1. Pelagic Fisheries

- A. 1st quarter 2002 Hawaii and American Samoa longline reports
- B. Hawaii recreational fishery data base
- C. Economic Study of the Hawaii and American Samoa longline fisheries
- D. American Samoa limited entry program
- E. Emergency action - Hawaii longline fishery (new area closure and swordfish trip limit)
- F. Sea turtle conservation and management
 - i. Section 10 permitted Honolulu Lab mitigation research
 - ii. New Biological Opinion
 - iii. Pacific sea turtle recovery plan/implementation teams
 - iv. Report from the International Leatherback Survival Conference
 - v. Turtle Excluder Device (TEDs) certification program
- G. Hawaii recreational fishery log book pilot project
- H. Pelagics Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 9, Shark management, redraft
 - I. Pelagic Fisheries Research Program
 - i. New Projects

- ii. 15th Standing Committee on Tunas and Billfish (agendas, working groups)

- J. International Meetings

- i. South Pacific Tuna Treaty

- ii. 2nd International Fishers Forum

- K. Public comment

- L. Discussion and recommendations

Thursday, May 16, 2002, 8:30 a.m.

1. Precious Corals Fisheries

- A. Status

- B. Plan Team Report

- C. Discussion and recommendations

2. Ecosystem and Habitat

- A. Meso-pelagic ecosystem studies

- B. Coral reef assessment surveys of the NWHI and American Samoa

- C. Refining Essential Fish Habitat designations

- D. Status Reef fish stock assessment workshop

- E. Ecosystem Planning workshop

- F. Marine Protected Areas Policy Working Group report

- G. Invasive Species

- H. Public Comment

- I. Discussion and recommendations

3. Status of Initiatives

- A. Council/NMFS long term research planning for Western Pacific Region

- B. NMFS Pacific Islands Region structure

- C. Discussion and recommendations

4. Other Business

5. Summary of Recommendations to Council

6. Meeting Schedule for 2002

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