

Fisheries (LOF)(71 FR 247, January 4, 2006), which categorizes commercial fisheries based on the rates or likelihood of serious injury or mortality (bycatch) of marine mammals incidental to each fishery. Specifically, Category I fisheries are those with frequent bycatch; Category II fisheries have occasional bycatch; and Category III fisheries have a remote likelihood of or no known bycatch. All fishermen who participate in a Category I or II fishery must be registered with the MMAP to receive an Authorization Certificate, which authorizes their incidental taking of marine mammals. Participants in Category III fisheries are not required to register with the MMAP. Fishermen participating in any commercial fishery, regardless of category, are required to report all incidental injuries and mortalities of marine mammals to NMFS within 48 hours of returning from a fishing trip. For a complete description of requirements for fishermen participating in Category I, II, and III fisheries, please consult 50 CFR part 229, subpart A.

Rather than requiring all participants in Category I and II fisheries to register individually, the MMPA directs NMFS to integrate registration with existing state or Federal fishery permitting or licensing programs (section 118(c)(5)(A)). NMFS' goals for the integrated registration program include ensuring consistency in registration procedures across a greater number of fisheries, increasing the number of registrants to better reflect the level of participation in the fisheries, and conducting outreach to the fishing industry with regard to MMPA requirements. Using data from existing fishery licensing programs, the MMAP integration will reduce the registration burden on the fishing industry while facilitating the protection and conservation of marine mammals through increased outreach efforts. In a licensing system that is integrated with the MMAP, fishermen will no longer have to submit an MMAP Registration/renewal form or the \$25 processing fee to NMFS in order to receive or renew their MMAP Authorization Certificates.

In the southeast U.S., MMAP integration has already been established for federally-permitted fisheries (67 FR 79905, December 31, 2002), but MMAP integration has not heretofore been established for state-permitted fisheries. For 2006 and beyond, NMFS will be integrating the MMAP registration process for all Southeast state-permitted fisheries as identified in the final 2005 LOF (71 FR 247, January 4, 2006). Southeast state fisheries include those permitted by the states of North

Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

NMFS will make an annual data request to each of these states for permit or license-holder information. Using this information, NMFS will mail MMAP Authorization Certificates, marine mammal injury/mortality reporting forms, and other program information to each permit or license-holder. Fishermen who participate in an integrated Category I or II state fishery do not need to take any additional action to register under the MMAP, as long as they hold a valid state fishing permit or license for the affected fishery. However, fishermen who participate in state and/or Federal fisheries not yet integrated with the MMAP registration system (i.e., fisheries for which no Federal or state permits are required) must contact the NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, Protected Resources Division, in order to register and receive an MMAP authorization certificate. If a fisherman participating in a Category I or II fishery, who expects to receive automatic registration, does not receive their authorization certificate by March 31, 2006, or by January 1 of each calendar year thereafter, the fisherman should contact NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to inquire about the status of their registration. Alternatively, they may apply for registration directly, following the procedures in 50 CFR 229.4(b).

NMFS will work with the permit-issuing agencies in each state to identify and attempt to limit mailing of authorization certificates to only those participants in Category I and II fisheries. Some permit systems, however, do not allow identification of fishermen using specific gear types in a way that matches the fishery designation referenced in the LOF. In cases where NMFS or the state permit-issuing agency cannot confidently determine which specific fishery identified in the LOF each fisherman participates in, based on the permit or license information, NMFS may inadvertently issue Authorization Certificates to fishermen participating in Category III fisheries. This approach, which may be confusing to Category III fishermen who are not required to be registered under the MMAP, is necessary to ensure that fishermen who need to register with the MMAP are not unintentionally excluded.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting via Conference Call.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Ecosystem SSC via Conference Call to discuss planning of an ecosystem modeling workshop to be held by the SSC later in the year.

DATES: The Conference Call will be held on April 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via conference call and listening stations will be available. For specific locations see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, Florida 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.348.1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to discuss planning of an ecosystem modeling workshop to be held by the SSC later in the year. Specifically, the objectives of the conference call are to identify one, two, or three multispecies/ecosystem modeling projects that could be used to address some of the key policy issues facing the Council, and to identify ecosystem modeling experts who could be contracted to assist the SSC and to perform some of the pre-analyses prior to the workshop.

The conference call will begin at 10 a.m. EST and conclude no later than 11 a.m. EST. Listening stations are available at the following locations: The

Gulf Council office (see **ADDRESSES**), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) offices as follows: Galveston, Texas, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, Texas 77551, Rhonda O'Toole, 409.766.3500; St. Petersburg, Florida, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, Barbara Niswander, 727.824.5305; and Panama City, Florida, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, Florida 32408, Susanne Pacelli, 850.234.6541.

Copies of any related meeting materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813.348.1630.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five working days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings April 5-11, 2006 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

DATES: The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, April 3 and continue through Saturday April 8, 2006. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday April 3 and continue through Wednesday, April, 5, 2006.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, continuing through April 11, 2006. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Iliamna Room. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Tuesday, April 4,

from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Iliamna Room.

ADDRESSES: Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *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
Executive Director's Report
NMFS Management Report
U.S. Coast Guard Report
NMFS Enforcement Report
Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Report (includes Board of Fisheries (BOF) Adak cod action)
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
Protected Species Report
Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee
2. Community Development Communities (CDQs): Review Governor's CDQ allocation recommendations: Status report on CDQ cost recovery program; Initial review/final action CDQ community eligibility regulatory amendment; Status report on Amendment 71.
3. Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Final action on Amendment 80; Discuss alternatives for Maximum Retainable Amounts (MRA) adjustments.
4. Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Pacific Cod Allocations: Final action on Amendment 85.
5. BSAI Trawl Catcher Vessel (CV) eligibility: review discussion paper and take action as necessary.
6. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Rationalization: Review discussion paper on skipper/crew provisions; review Critical Path analysis; review other information and revise alternatives/options as appropriate.
7. Halibut Guideline Harvest Levels (GHL): Final action on Halibut GHL regulations; Receive Halibut Charter Stakeholder Committee report and take action as necessary.
8. Groundfish Management: Initial review of Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review to defer management of GOA Dark Groundfish; Review Experimental Fishery Permit for longline targeting of silverygrey rockfish; Progress report on BSAI Salmon Bycatch Amendment Package B; and Salmon Bycatch research workshop (SSC only).

9. Crab Management: Crab Overfishing Definitions update. (SSC only)

10. Scallop Management: Review and approve Scallop Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE).

11. Ecosystem Based Management: Receive Committee report and take action as necessary.

12. Research Priorities: Review and approve.

13. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking, refine Vessel Management System (VMS) alternatives.

14. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Salmon Research Workshop
2. Groundfish Management
3. Crab Overfishing
4. Scallop SAFE report
5. Research Priorities

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

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.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Volunteer and Service Recipient Survey Components of the Senior Corps Performance Surveys to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Mr. Nathan Dietz, at (202) 606-6663, (Ndietz@cns.gov). Individuals who use a