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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will review and recommend for Council consideration essential fish habitat (EFH) designation alternatives for inclusion in Phase 1 of the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2 for Atlantic salmon and Deep-sea red crab. The committee will also review and recommend for Council consideration a range of habitat areas of particular concern (HAPC) alternatives for inclusion in Phase 1 of the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2. In addition, the committee will review and recommend for Council consideration a prey species identification section for inclusion in Phase 1 of the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2 for all Council-managed species. The Committee will also review a non-fishing impacts section for inclusion in Phase 1 of the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2 as well as discuss and consider topics covered at the August 15, 2006 Habitat Advisory Panel meeting. Other topics may be covered at the committee's discretion.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 18, 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. 081706C]

#### 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 committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Crab Plan Team will meet in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 13, 14 and 15, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Captain Cook Hotel, Quadrant Room, 4th and K Street, Anchorage, AK.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, September 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The agenda includes the following: Review crab overfishing definitions; review NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) surveys; review model and assessment results from Bristol Bay Red King Crab and Bering Sea Snow Crab; review and compile the Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation Report; make recommendations on crab bycatch and Essential Fish Habitat considerations; discuss issues and timing for May 2007 meetings; other business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 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, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 18, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081706E]

#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) will hold a work session by telephone conference, which is open to the public, to develop recommendations for the September Council meeting.

**DATES:** The telephone conference will be held Thursday, September 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** A listening station will be available at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, Small Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the work session is to review information in the Council briefing book related to salmon and Pacific halibut management, and to develop comments and recommendations for consideration at the November Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the SAS for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal SAS action during this meeting.

SAS 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 SAS's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This 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) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 18, 2006.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-C-2006-0039]

#### Request for Comments on USPTO's Draft Strategic Plan for FY 2007-2012

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) solicits comments on its draft strategic plan for 2007-2012. The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) requires Federal agencies to establish a strategic plan covering not less than five years, and to solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan.

The USPTO's current plan, *The 21st Century Strategic Plan for 2003-2008*, may be viewed on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov> as can the agency's draft plan for 2007-2012.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by October 6, 2006. A public forum on Strategic Plan 2007-2012 will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, from 9 a.m. until noon. Those wishing to present oral comments at the forum should register no later than September 19, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** The September 26, 2006 public forum will be held at USPTO Headquarters, 600 Dulany Street, Madison West, Room 10D31, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Those interested in presenting oral comments

or written comments on the draft strategic plan should send their request or written comments to the USPTO by any of the following methods: electronically via a special e-mail address: [StrategicPlanning1@uspto.gov](mailto:StrategicPlanning1@uspto.gov); by fax to 571-273-0127, Attention: USPTO Strategic Plan Coordinator; by hand delivery or courier to the USPTO Strategic Plan Coordinator, 600 Dulany Street, Madison East, Room 7A45, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by mail sent to: The USPTO Strategic Plan Coordinator, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

To ensure timely receipt of your comments, we strongly encourage responses via e-mail, fax, or hand/courier delivery.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joan Bolton, United States Patent and Trademark Office, by telephone at 571-272-6290.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** GPRA requires Federal agencies to establish a strategic plan covering not less than a five-year period, and to solicit the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in the plan. This notice represents one in a series of consultations seeking input from a variety of sources on the USPTO's draft strategic plan. On March 14, 2006, the USPTO posted a notice on its Web site soliciting public input and establishing an e-mail box ([StrategicPlanning1@uspto.gov](mailto:StrategicPlanning1@uspto.gov)) for the public's use in submitting suggestions, ideas and comments that the agency should consider in developing the new plan. USPTO employees also were given the opportunity to provide input, either via e-mail or anonymously via USPTO's intranet site.

The draft strategic plan for 2007-2012 is available on the USPTO's Web site at <http://www.USPTO.gov>. The draft plan includes the USPTO's mission statement, vision statement and a description of the strategic goals, objectives and significant actions that the USPTO plans to take in order to accomplish its mission and achieve its vision. Full details on how the USPTO plans to implement the strategic plan, including funding and performance metrics, will be included in the USPTO's fiscal year 2008 President's Budget.

The USPTO would like to receive input from a wide range of organizations (both national and international), public bodies, and other stakeholders. We especially encourage the views and suggestions of individuals and entities holding or dealing with intellectual property, and USPTO employees.

The USPTO anticipates publishing the final Strategic Plan for 2007-2012 in early calendar year 2007, and making it available on our Web site at that time.

Dated: August 21, 2006.

**Jon W. Dudas,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Transfer of Cannon Air Force Base and Melrose Air Force Range From Air Combat Command to Air Force Special Operations Command

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, Air Force Special Operations Command, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] parts 1500-1508), and the United States Air Force's (USAF) Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP, 32 CFR part 989), the Air Force is preparing an EIS to consider the proposed action of transferring certain Air Force Special Operations equipment and personnel to Cannon AFB. The Air Force proposes to transfer aircraft and personnel from Hurlburt Field, Florida, or other existing operational locations to Cannon AFB, New Mexico. Potential AFSOC assets to beddown include aircraft, weapons systems, equipment, and personnel. Growth is planned through Fiscal Year 2013 at Cannon AFB, and AFSOC proposes to begin utilizing Melrose Air Force Range (AFR), existing training airspace, and existing Military Training Routes from Cannon AFB. This NOI describes the Air Force's scoping process and identifies the Air Force's point of contact. As part of the proposal, the Air Force will analyze potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed aircraft, equipment, and personnel transfer, beddown, training, and operations.

**Background:** On June 19, 2006, in accordance with the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission Report, the SECDEF designated the AFSOC's establishment of the 16th Special Operations Wing at Cannon