

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The GAC will meet Wednesday, October 8, 2008, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed, and reconvene on Thursday, October 9, at 8 a.m. and continue until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GAC meeting will be held at the Residence Inn Portland Downtown at Riverplace, Broadway Room, 2115 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR 97201; telephone: (503) 552-9500.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to develop recommendations to the Council for a preferred trawl rationalization alternative, on which the Council is scheduled to take its final action at the November 2008 Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Groundfish Allocation Committee (GAC) for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GAC action during this meeting. GAC 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 Committee'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: September 18, 2008.

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

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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 143rd meeting to consider and take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The 143rd Council meeting and public hearings will be held on October 14-17, 2008 in Honolulu, Hawaii. For specific times and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The 143rd Council meeting and public hearings will be held at the Pagoda Hotel, 1525 Rycroft Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96814; telephone: 808-941-6611.

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

Tuesday October 14, 2008

Standing Committee Meetings

1. 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Executive and Budget Standing Committee
2. 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon Program Planning Standing Committee
3. 1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Fishery Rights of Indigenous People Standing Committee
4. 2:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Pelagics Ecosystem and International Fisheries Standing Committee
5. 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Hawaii Archipelago/Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) Standing Committee

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

Schedule and Agenda for Council Meeting

9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Wednesday October 15, 2008

1. Introductions
 2. New Council Members Oath of Office
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Approval of 142nd Meeting Minutes
 5. Agency Reports
 - A. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO)
 2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC)
 - B. NOAA General Counsel
 - C. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - D. Enforcement
 1. U.S. Coast Guard
 2. NOAA Office for Law Enforcement
 3. Status of Violations
 6. Program Planning
 - A. Program Planning and Research
 1. Annual Catch Limits
 2. Small-scale and Traditional Fisheries
 3. Council's Five-Year Research Plan
 - B. Update on Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) and National Saltwater Angler Registry
 - C. National Eco-labeling Initiative
 - D. Update on Legislation
 - E. Update on Status of Fishery Management Plan (FMP) actions
 - F. Community Development Program Amendment Status
 - G. Coral Reefs
 1. Report on U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting
 2. Coral Reef Program Review
 - H. Marine Education and Training Program Selection Process
 - I. Update on Blue Legacy
 - J. Social Science Research Planning Committee Report
 - K. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Recommendations
 - L. Standing Committee Recommendations
 - M. Public Hearing
 - N. Council Discussion and Action
 7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items
- 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Wednesday October 15, 2008*
- Fishers Forum
- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - II. Richard Shiroma Award Presentation
 - III. Assessing Historical Changes in the Hawaii Bottomfish Fishery and their Effect on Calculating Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE)
 - IV. 2008 Hawaii Bottomfish Stock Assessment

