

determination and draft necessary documentation before recommendations for funding are made to the Grants Officer.

Intergovernmental Review: Applications under this office are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." Applicants must contact their State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to find out about and comply with the State's process under EO 12372. The names and addresses of the SPOC's are listed in the Office of Management and Budget's Web site: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Limitation of Liability: In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA Federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA Web site: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf, and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm. Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any

identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal.

The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements: The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), are applicable to this solicitation.

Paperwork Reduction Act: This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF-LLL and CD-346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866: This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism): It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act: Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements for the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: August 24, 2009.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XR03

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 Pacific Council and its advisory entities will hold public meetings. September 11-17, 2009 Pacific Council meeting, which includes advisory body meetings during this time period as listed in this notice, as well as a September 8, 2009 Pacific Council Enforcement Consultants Telephone Conference.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet September 11-17, 2009. The Council meeting will begin on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 10:30 a.m., reconvening each day through Thursday, September 17, 2009. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 12 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business. In addition to the September 11-17 time frame, the Pacific Council Enforcement Consultants will meet via telephone on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The Pacific Council Enforcement Consultants September 8 telephone conference will have a listening station for public access at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. The September 11-17 Pacific Council and advisory body meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404; telephone: (650) 570-5700. The Pacific Council address is Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director,

telephone: (866) 806-7204 or (503) 820-2280; or access the Pacific Council website, www.pcouncil.org for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks
2. Council Member Appointments
3. Roll Call
4. Report of the Executive Director
5. Adopt Agenda

B. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues
2. Ocean Acidification and Sea Level Changes

3. Offshore Aquaculture

C. Marine Protected Areas

1. Marine Resources Public Opinion

Polls

2. Monterey Bay National Marine

Sanctuary Marine Protected Area

Process

3. National System of Marine

Protected Areas

D. Highly Migratory Species Management

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report

E. Groundfish Management

1. NMFS Report
2. Part II of Stock Assessments for 2011-2012 Groundfish Fisheries
3. Off-Year Science Improvements
4. Inseason Adjustments to 2009 and 2010 Groundfish Fisheries - Part I
5. Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 23 - Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures

6. Groundfish FMP Amendment 20 - Trawl Rationalization Regulation Language Review and Miscellaneous Implementation Matters

7. Inseason Adjustments to 2009 and 2010 Groundfish Fisheries - Part II

8. Report on Catch of Unidentified Rockfish Species in the Recreational Fishery

F. Enforcement Matters

Oregon State Police Fisheries Enforcement Report

G. Salmon Management

1. Salmon FMP Amendment 16 - Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures

2. 2009 Salmon Methodology Review

3. Central Valley Endangered Species Act Biological Opinion and Sacramento River Fall Chinook Salmon Stock Collapse

H. Pacific Halibut Management

1. 2010 Pacific Halibut Fishery Regulations

2. Proposed Procedures for Estimating Pacific Halibut Bycatch in the Groundfish Setline Fisheries

I. Open Comment Period

Comments on Non-Agenda Items

J. Administrative Matters

1. Fiscal Matters

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

3. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

4. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY AND ADVISORY BODY MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Enforcement Consultants Telephone Conference

Friday, September 11, 2009

Scientific and Statistical Committee

Pacific Council Secretariat

Habitat Committee

Budget Committee

Saturday, September 12, 2009

Pacific Council Secretariat

California State Delegation

Oregon State Delegation

Washington State Delegation

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

Groundfish Management Team

Scientific and Statistical Committee

Habitat Committee

Enforcement Consultants

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Pacific Council Secretariat

California State Delegation

Oregon State Delegation

Washington State Delegation

Enforcement Consultants

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

Groundfish Management Team

Scientific and Statistical Committee

Monday, September 14, 2009

Pacific Council Secretariat

California State Delegation

Oregon State Delegation

Washington State Delegation

Enforcement Consultants

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

Groundfish Management Team

Joint Highly Migratory Species Management Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee

Salmon Advisory Subpanel

Salmon Technical Team

Joint Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team and Scientific and Statistical Committee

Highly Migratory Species Management Team

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Pacific Council Secretariat

California State Delegation

Oregon State Delegation

1 pm.

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SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY AND ADVISORY BODY MEETINGS—Continued

Washington State Delegation	7 am.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 am.
Enforcement Consultants	8 am.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 am.
Groundfish Management Team	8 am.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 am.
Salmon Management Team	8 am.
Wednesday, September 16, 2009	.
Pacific Council Secretariat	7 am.
California State Delegation	7 am.
Oregon State Delegation	7 am.
Washington State Delegation	7 am.
Enforcement Consultants	8 am.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 am.
Groundfish Management Team	8 am.
Thursday, September 17, 2009	.
Pacific Council Secretariat	7 am.
California State Delegation	7 am.
Oregon State Delegation	7 am.
Washington State Delegation	7 am.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Pacific Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 24, 2009,

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

RIN: 0648-XR14

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Oversight Committee will hold two meetings to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meetings will be held September 15 and 16, 2009. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401)732-6000; fax: (401)732-0261.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill t2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The advisory panel's and oversight committee meeting schedules and agendas are as follows:

1. *Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting - Tuesday, September 15, 2009 beginning at 9 a.m.*

The advisory panel will review Amendment 15 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) alternatives and analyses. The primary goal of Scallop Amendment 15 is to consider alternatives to comply with new requirements of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, specifically implementing annual catch limits (ACLs). In addition, this action is considering alternatives to address excess capacity in the limited access scallop fishery with leasing and permit stacking alternatives. Lastly, this action is considering a number of alternatives

to adjust several aspects of the overall scallop management program such as revising the overfishing definition, specific adjustments to the general category management program, a specific alternative to address EFH closures on Georges Bank, adjustments to the current scallop research set-aside program, and changing the scallop fishing year from March 1 to May 1. The panel will identify preferred alternatives for the Scallop Committee to consider. The advisory panel will also provide input on development of Framework 21. Framework 21 includes specifications for the 2010 fishing year including days-at-sea (DAS) allocations, access area schedule and measures for the general category scallop fishery. Other measures under consideration are possible consideration of a new scallop access area closure in the Great South Channel, minor modifications to the observer set-aside program, and compliance with the recent Loggerhead sea turtle biological opinion.

2. *Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting - Wednesday, September 16, 2009 beginning at 9 a.m.*

The Committee will review Amendment 15 DEIS alternatives and analyses. The Committee will consider input from the Advisory Panel when identifying preferred alternatives for the Council to consider later in September. The Council is scheduled to approve the final range of alternatives and draft analyses included in Amendment 15 DEIS for public hearings at the September Council meeting. The committee will also continue development of alternatives for Framework 21. Framework 21 includes specifications for the 2010 fishing year and other measures.