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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Highly Migratory Species Committee and its Spiny Dogfish Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 4509 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: (215) 937-4535.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115,

Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to develop and finalize comments on Draft Amendment 3 to the National Marine Fisheries Service's Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan and its proposed rule for management of Atlantic Shark fisheries. The Committees expect to comment on the reported overfishing that is being experienced by the blacknose sharks and shortfin mako sharks, and the proposed management measures required to end this overfishing. Comments will also be developed on the inclusion of smooth dogfish in the Fishery Management Plan.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf of Alaska

(GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) groundfish plan teams will meet in Seattle.

DATES: The meetings will be held September 15-18, 2009. The joint plan team meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15 and continue through noon on Friday, September 18. The GOA Plan Team will convene separately at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 18 in Room 1055. The BSAI Plan Team will convene separately at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 18 in the Traynor Room.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Observer Training Room (GOA Plan Team) and Traynor Room (Joint Teams and BS/AI Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda: Principal business is to prepare and review the draft Economic Report, the draft Ecosystems Consideration Chapter, proposed modeling changes to stock assessments for some target-categories, proposed 2010-12 halibut discard mortality rates for all groundfish fisheries, and recommend preliminary groundfish catch specifications for 2008/09. The teams will also review proposed uncertainty corrections and Allowable Biological Catch control rules for stock assessments, application of stock structure for area management, vulnerability analyses for identifying which groundfish stocks could be categorized as "in the fishery" versus in a new ecosystem component category, and recommendations for criteria for evaluating proposals to create new habitat areas of particular concern.

The agenda is posted on the Council website at: <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), Traynor Conference Center.

DATES: The meetings will be held September 21-22, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg 4, Traynor Conference Center, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Kimball, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the committee meeting is to review a NMFS implementation plan to establish a new program for observer procurement and deployment in the North Pacific Observer Program, as well as review a timeline for implementation. The committee will discuss the plan, and provide feedback and/or recommendations to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Chinook Salmon Bycatch Management Measures Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a workshop to solicit comments from owners and operators of trawl catcher/processors and motherships in the Bering Sea pollock fishery about proposed equipment and operational requirements to monitor salmon bycatch. The workshop is open to the public, but NMFS is particularly seeking participation by people who are knowledgeable about the operations of the catcher/processors and motherships and who can discuss with NMFS the potential operational impacts of proposed monitoring requirements.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific standard time.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Swedish Cultural Center, 1920 Dexter Avenue N., Seattle, WA 98109. Directions to the Swedish Cultural Center are on its website at <http://www.swedishculturalcenter.org/contacts.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Watson, 907-586-7537 or Sally Bibb 907-586-7389.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has recommended revisions to the management of Chinook salmon bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery under proposed Amendment 91 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area. NMFS is developing proposed revisions to equipment and operational requirements for catcher/processors and motherships to support using a count or census as the basis for accounting for Chinook salmon bycatch under Amendment 91. A census is an alternative to estimating Chinook salmon bycatch based on species composition samples taken by observers onboard the catcher/processors and motherships. NMFS is considering proposed requirements related to the storage and handling of salmon sorted from the groundfish catch; video monitoring of areas where salmon are sorted from the catch and stored prior to being counted by the observer; and electronic logbooks to facilitate timely vessel reporting of the count of salmon bycatch by species for each haul.

This workshop is open to the public, but NMFS is particularly seeking input and discussion with people who work on the catcher/processors and motherships, are familiar with the vessel operations, and have knowledge of the potential impact of changes in the handling, storage, and counting of salmon bycatch and procedures to ensure that salmon are not discarded from the vessel before they are counted by an observer. These proposed requirements will be included in the proposed rule for Amendment 91 that is expected to be published in late 2009.

This workshop focuses only on catch monitoring requirements onboard catcher/processors and motherships and will not include discussion of proposed requirements for shoreside processing plants. Proposed revisions to monitoring requirements in the shoreside processing plants were included in the draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared for Amendment 91 which is available on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/>