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#### Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to Bay State Wind for HRG survey activities and use of DP vessel thrusters during geotechnical survey activities from August 2016 through August 2017, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE825**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet September 13 through September 16, 2016.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 to Friday, September 16, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center Traynor Room 2076 and NMML Room 2079, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

*Tuesday, September 13, 2016 to Friday, September 16, 2016*

The Plan Teams will review the preliminary stock assessments for Groundfish and receive the following reports: Halibut DMR, research

priorities, and Economic Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE).

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org>

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 17, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE821**

#### 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 a meeting of its Social Science Planning Committee (SSPC) to discuss and make recommendations on relevant issues in Hawaii and the Western Pacific region.

**DATES:** The SSPC meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016, from 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time. For agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The SSPC meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI 96813; phone: (808) 522-8220 and by teleconference line at (888) 482-3560; Passcode: 5228220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, phone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A public comment period will be provided. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Agenda for the SSPC Meeting

*Thursday, September 15, 2016, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Welcome New Members
4. Papahānaumokuākea MNM Update
5. Status of April 2016 SSPC Recommendation
6. Status of the Annual/SAFE Reports
7. Update on Human Communities Research Needs
8. SSPC Member Research Updates
9. Identification of Social Researchers
10. Saltonstall Kennedy Grant Solicitation
11. Other Business
12. Public Comment
13. Committee Discussion and Recommendations
14. Next Meeting

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 Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE826**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Abundance-