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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Ehlke, telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tentative Schedule for Document Completion and Availability

February 17, 2017: "Review of 2016 Ocean Salmon Fisheries, Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document for the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan" is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

March 3, 2017: "Preseason Report I—Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2017 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

March 22, 2017: "Preseason Report II—Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2017 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" and public hearing schedule is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org>. The report will include a description of the adopted salmon management alternatives and a summary of their biological and economic impacts.

April 21, 2017: "Preseason Report III—Council-Adopted Management Measures and Environmental Assessment Part 3 for 2017 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

May 1, 2016: Federal regulations for 2017 ocean salmon regulations will be published in the **Federal Register** and implemented.

Meetings and Hearings

January 17–20, 2017: The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will meet at the Pacific Council office in a public work session to draft "Review of 2016 Ocean Salmon Fisheries" and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2017 ocean salmon fisheries.

February 21–24, 2017: The STT will meet at the Pacific Council office in a public work session to draft "Preseason Report I—Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2017 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2017 ocean salmon fisheries.

March 27–28, 2017: Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery

management alternatives adopted by the Pacific Council. Written comments received at the public hearings and a summary of oral comments at the hearings will be provided to the Pacific Council at its April meeting.

All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

March 27, 2017: Chateau Westport, Beach Room, 710 West Hancock, Westport, WA 98595, telephone: (360) 268-9101.

March 27, 2017: Red Lion Hotel, South Umpqua Room, 1313 North Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay, OR 97420, telephone: (541) 267-4141.

March 28, 2017: City of Fort Bragg, Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, telephone: (707) 961-2823.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the STT meeting agendas may come before the STT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STT action during these meetings. STT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and to any issues arising after publication of this document requiring emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the STT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These public meetings and hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 (voice), or (503) 820-2299 (fax) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 22, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF113

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Park Street, Freeport, ME 04032; telephone: (207) 865-1433.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will discuss Framework Adjustment 56 pertaining to witch flounder specifications only. They will receive an overview of the recent benchmark assessment, Plan Development Team analysis, and Scientific and Statistical Committee recommendations for witch flounder. They will make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on witch flounder specifications for Fishing Years (FY) 2017–FY 2019. The Panel also plans to receive an overview and discuss the Council's 2017 Groundfish Priorities and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee, as appropriate. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

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Special Accommodations

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

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

Dated: December 22, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF114

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5 Park Street, Freeport, ME 04032; telephone: (207) 865-1433.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Groundfish Committee will discuss Framework Adjustment 56 pertaining to witch flounder specifications only. They will receive an overview of the recent benchmark assessment, Plan Development Team analysis, Scientific and Statistical Committee, and Groundfish Advisory Panel recommendations for witch flounder. The Committee will make recommendations to the Council on witch flounder specifications for FY 2017-FY 2019. The Committee also plans to discuss FY 2017 Recreational Measures for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock. They will receive an overview of recent recreational catch and effort data and results from the bioeconomic model to evaluate options for

management measures in FY 2017. They will receive Recreational Advisory Panel recommendations on FY 2017 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock. They will make recommendations to the Council on FY 2017 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock. The Committee also plans to receive an overview and discuss the Council's 2017 Groundfish Priorities and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee, as appropriate. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

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

Dated: December 22, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Meeting of the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee's (MAFAC) Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force. The Task Force will discuss the issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 24, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and January 25, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Port of Portland Headquarters, Chinook Room, 8th Floor, 7200 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97218.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katherine Cheney; NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region; (503) 231-6730; email: Katherine.Cheney@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC's Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force (CBP Task Force). The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The complete MAFAC charter and summaries of prior MAFAC meetings are located online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/>. The CBP Task Force reports to MAFAC and is being convened to discuss and develop recommendations for long-term goals for Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead that address both conservation and harvest opportunities. These goals will be developed in the context of habitat capacity, climate change, and other factors that affect natural mortality. More information is available at the CBP Task Force Web page: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/columbia_river/index.html.

Matters To Be Considered

This meeting time and agenda are subject to change.

The meeting is convened to provide an overview of the CBP Task Force and discuss a collective approach to the work ahead. The meeting is open to the public as observers, and a public comment period will be provided on January 25, 2017, from 1:30-2:00 p.m. to accept public input, limited to the time available.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Katherine Cheney; 503-231-6730 by January 10, 2017.

Dated: December 21, 2016.

Jennifer Lukens,

Director for the Office of Policy, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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