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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved coastal management programs. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, considering public comments, and consulting with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1458)

**Keelin Kuipers,**

*Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XD765]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Committee (IFQ Committee) will meet via web conference.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3037>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via video conference are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna Henry, Council staff; phone: (907) 271-2809; email: [anna.henry@noaa.gov](mailto:anna.henry@noaa.gov). For technical support, please contact our admin Council staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Thursday, March 28, 2024*

The IFQ Committee agenda will include: (a) review and provide recommendations on Area 4 vessel cap initial review analysis; and (b) other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3037> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Connection Information**

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3037>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3037>.

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

Dated: March 6, 2024.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy 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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**New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a joint hybrid meeting of its Scallop Committee and Habitat 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 Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* This meeting will be held at Hotel Providence, 139 Matheson Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 490-8000.

*Webinar registration URL information:* <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7856656431323045470>.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O'Keefe, Ph.D., Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The Habitat and Scallop Committees will meet jointly to discuss Scallop and Habitat Plan Development Team analyses of four concept areas for potential scallop access on the Northern Edge of Georges Bank. The Habitat and Scallop Advisory Panels will provide recommendations to their respective committees on considerations for development of management alternatives. The Committees will develop guidance to the Council about development of management alternatives, particularly spatial alternatives for access area configuration. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy

of the recording is available upon request.

### Special Accommodations

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

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

Dated: March 6, 2024.

#### Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD649]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunities to provide public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has begun its annual preseason process to develop regulations to manage the 2024 ocean salmon fisheries off the U.S. West Coast. This notice informs the public of opportunities to provide oral and written comments on the development of the regulations.

**DATES:** Comments received orally, electronically, or in hard copy by 5 p.m. Pacific Time, March 31, 2024, will be considered in the Council's final recommendation for the 2024 regulations. Dates when comments may be made at public hearings are provided under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents will be available from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384, and will be posted on the Council's website at <https://www.pcouncil.org>. You may submit written comments by any one of the following methods:

- *Council e-Portal:* Written comments must be submitted electronically to Mr. Marc Gorelnik, Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council, via the Council's e-Portal by visiting <https://pfmc.psmfc.org>.

- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Electronic public comments via the

Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA-NMFS-2023-0001 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" tab, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS and the Council will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Robin Ehlke, Pacific Fishery Management Council, telephone: 503-820-2280; *email:* [robin.ehlke@noaa.gov](mailto:robin.ehlke@noaa.gov). For information on submitting comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking portal, contact Shannon Penna, NMFS West Coast Region, telephone: 562-980-4239; *email:* [shannon.penna@noaa.gov](mailto:shannon.penna@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 13, 2024, the Council announced the schedule of reports, public meetings, and hearings for the development of annual regulations for the ocean salmon fisheries that start May 16, 2024 and continue through May 15, 2025, which we refer to as the 2024 management measures (89 FR 10042; <https://www.pcouncil.org>). The Council will adopt alternatives for 2024 ocean salmon fisheries management at its meetings to be held in person March 5-11, 2024 in Fresno, CA. Details of this meeting, including opportunities to provide public testimony in-person or virtually are available on the Council's website (<https://www.pcouncil.org>). On March 22, 2024, "Preseason Report II—Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2024 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" is scheduled to be posted on the Council's website at <https://www.pcouncil.org>. The report will include a description of the salmon management alternatives to be considered and a summary of their biological and economic impacts.

Public hearings will be held to receive oral comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery management alternatives adopted by the Council. All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. Standard Time. Public hearings focusing on Washington and California salmon fisheries will occur simultaneously in-person on March 25, 2024. The public hearing for Oregon will occur virtually on March 26, 2024. These public hearings are tentatively scheduled to occur in person, in the cities of Westport, Washington; Coos Bay, Oregon; and Santa Rosa, California. Actual hearing

venues and instructions for joining online hearings will be posted on the Council's website (<https://www.pcouncil.org>) in advance of the hearing dates. A summary of oral comments received at the hearings will be provided to the Council at its April meeting.

Comments on the alternatives the Council adopts at its March 2024 meeting, and described in its Preseason Report II, may be submitted (1) in writing or electronically as described under **ADDRESSES**, (2) orally (in-person) at a public hearing, (3) orally (online or in-person) or in writing at the Council meeting held on March 5-11, 2024, or orally (online or in-person) at the Council meeting held on April 6-11, 2024, which is scheduled to occur in person, in Seattle, Washington. Details of these meetings will be available on the Council's website (<https://www.pcouncil.org>) and will be published in the **Federal Register**. Written and electronically submitted comments must be received prior to the April 2024 Council meeting in order to be included in the briefing book for the Council's April meeting, where they will be considered in the adoption of the Council's final recommendation for the 2024 salmon fishery regulations. All comments received accordingly will be reviewed and considered by the Pacific Council and NMFS.

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

Dated: March 6, 2024.

#### Everett Wayne Baxter,

*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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#### South 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel (AP) in Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** The Snapper Grouper AP will meet on March 26, 2024, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.; March 27, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.; and on March 28, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.