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Gary C. Matlock,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042297A]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Summer Flounder Industry Advisory Subcommittee, Large Pelagic Committee, Demersal Species Committee, and Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, with Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Industry Advisory Subcommittee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on May 12-15, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Meadowlands Hilton, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ 07094; telephone: 201-348-6900.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, May 12, the Summer Flounder Industry Advisory Subcommittee will meet jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Summer Flounder Advisors beginning at 1:00 p.m. On Tuesday, May 13, the

Large Pelagic Committee will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The Council will meet as a Demersal Species Committee of the Whole jointly with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board beginning at 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday, May 14, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The Council will meet as a Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee of the Whole from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, May 15, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon.

The purpose of the meetings is to review proposed changes to federal regulations on large pelagics, discuss public comments on and possibly adopt for Secretarial approval Amendment 10 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Amendment 10 to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plans, discuss and possibly adopt a control date for the Atlantic mackerel fishery, and other fishery management matters.

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary; other items may be added. The meetings may also be closed at any time to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock, Ph.D.,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042297E]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's Committee on Alternative Groundfish Management Strategies will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 15, 1997, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn - Portland Airport, 11707 NE. Airport way, Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will discuss its operating procedures, meeting schedule, and alternative management approaches for the groundfish fishery off the West Coast. This is not a forum to discuss management of the fixed gear sablefish fishery.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

George H. Darcy,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042197D]

Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Pelagic Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 8-9, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, Ilima Room, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 955-4811.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Progress with recommendations on improvements to the annual report modules and 1996 report modules from American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii and the Northern Mariana Islands;

2. Review Cross Seamount interaction issue;

3. Progress report on bycatch issues including albatross, turtles, and sharks;

4. Determination of Total Allowable Level of Foreign fishing;

5. Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements including fishery management plan definitions of bycatch, fishing sectors, essential fish habitat, fishing communities and overfishing; and 6. Other business as required.

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 meeting date.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock, Ph.D.,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042197E]

Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Precious Coral Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 13, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Honolulu Laboratory, 2570 Dole Street, Room 120, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 943-1221.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164

Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Application to harvest precious corals including the industry proposal and the status of Federal and state permits;

2. Consider amendments to the fishery management plan to include a frame work process and the addition of black coral; and

3. Other business as required.

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 meeting date.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock, Ph.D.,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042197C]

Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 14-15, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ilikai Hotel, Yacht Harbor Tower, Room 262, Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 949-3811.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Progress with recommendations on improvements to the annual report modules and 1996 report modules from American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii and the Northern Mariana Islands;

2. Limited entry alternatives for the Mau Zone and moratorium on new entry for the Mau Zone in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, including report from task force;

3. Status of Department of Land and Natural Resources progress with management plan for overfished Main Hawaiian Island (MHI) onaga and ehu;

4. Draft management plan for MHI onaga and ehu stocks in Federal waters;

5. Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements including fishery management plan definitions and provisions;

6. Pending expiration of seamount ground fish moratorium; and

7. Other business as required.

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 meeting date.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

George H. Darcy,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1032 (P624)

AGENCIES: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Michael J. Moore, Research Specialist, MS 33 Biology Department, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543, has been issued a