

(viscosity, form), heating value, and the concentrations of chlorine, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, lead, mercury, nickel, and selenium

8. Other Fuels Burned (e.g., natural gas, fuel oil, etc.).

9. Hazardous Waste and Other Fuel Feedrates (e.g., lb/yr for waste streams and fuel oils, ft<sup>3</sup>/yr for natural gas, etc.).

10. Stack Characteristics including stack height, diameter, and stack gas velocity and temperature.

11. Stack Gas Emissions Testing Results including:

- Stack gas emissions rates of particulate matter
- HCl
- Cl<sub>2</sub>
- Metals
- CO
- HC
- Information on stack gas flow rate
- Temperature
- Sootblowing (and whether and how PM and metals emissions data have been adjusted to account for soot blowing)
- Oxygen level
- Description of purpose of testing
- Test operating conditions
- Quality assurance/quality control procedures.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 660

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#### Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Amendment 14

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of amendment to fishery management plan; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 14 to the Pacific Coast Salmon Plan for Secretarial review. Amendment 14 has multiple parts. The major parts of the amendment include revising the Salmon FMP to bring it into compliance with the 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), including designation of essential fish habitat (EFH) and new requirements to reduce bycatch, prevent overfishing, and rebuild stocks that are overfished; establishing a new recreational

allocation for the Port of La Push, Washington and adding flexibility to deviate from specified recreational Port allocations based on the agreement of representatives from the affected Ports; and establishing preseason flexibility to deviate from commercial and recreational gear allocations and recreational port allocations North of Cape Falcon, OR in order to access marked hatchery salmon in selective fisheries. The majority of Amendment 14 changes are to the Salmon FMP, while only some of the changes will be codified in the regulations and are contained in the proposed rule. Specifically, the proposed rule makes minor changes to language regarding escapement and management goals, implements a new recreational allocation to the Port of La Push and adjusts the Neah Bay allocation relative to La Push, adds preseason flexibility for recreational port allocations North of Cape Falcon, and implements preseason flexibility in setting recreational port allocation or recreational and commercial allocations North of Cape Falcon to take advantage of selective fishing opportunities.

**DATES:** Comments on Amendment 14 must be received at the appropriate address or fax number, (see ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m., Pacific daylight time August 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to William Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070, or sent via facsimile (fax) to: 206-526-6376; or to Rodney R. McInnis, Acting Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213, or sent via facsimile (fax) to: 562-980-4018. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via email or Internet.

Copies of Amendment 14 and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Regulatory Impact Review (RIR)/Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis are available from Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher L. Wright at 206-526-6140, Svein Fougner at 562-980-4005, or the Pacific Fishery Management Council at 503-326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit any new fishery management plan (FMP) or plan amendment it prepares to NMFS for

review and approval, disapproval, or partial approval. The Magnuson-Stevens Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving an FMP or amendment, immediately publish a notification in the **Federal Register** that the FMP or amendment is available for public review and comment. NMFS will consider the public comments received during the comment period in determining whether to approve the FMP or amendment.

The major provisions of Amendment 14 that will bring the Salmon FMP into compliance with the 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act include: An identification and description of EFH, including a discussion of threats to EFH and recommended measures to conserve and enhance EFH; a new definition of optimum yield; a definition and new requirements for bycatch; and new requirements for prevention of overfishing and rebuilding of stocks that are overfished. A new section has been added to the Salmon FMP in Chapter 1, entitled "What the Plan Covers," that provides a clear description of what the Salmon FMP covers, and places information on fishery impacts to salmon stocks in the chapter on harvest. In addition, the amendment updates the fishery description to reference new appendices to the Salmon FMP.

Amendment 14 also implements a new recreational allocation to the Port of La Push and adjusts the Neah Bay allocation relative to La Push, adds preseason flexibility for recreational port allocations North of Cape Falcon, and implements preseason flexibility in setting recreational port allocations or recreational and commercial allocations North of Cape Falcon to take advantage of selective fishing opportunities.

The EFH provisions of Amendment 14 identify and describe EFH in aquatic areas including the exclusive economic zone, nearshore waters, and rivers. The EFH provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act require Federal agencies that authorize, fund, or undertake actions that may adversely affect EFH to consult with NMFS, and require NMFS to provide non-binding conservation recommendations to Federal and state agencies regarding actions that would adversely affect EFH. In most cases EFH consultations can be combined with other environmental reviews that are required under other laws.

The overfishing provisions of Amendment 14 are guided by the conservation needs of the species covered by the Salmon FMP. The management goals of the Salmon FMP, referred to as "conservation objectives," are generally defined in terms of stock-

specific spawning escapement goals. The target control rules for individual stocks are defined by the conservation objectives and generally correspond to Maximum Sustained Yield or Maximum Sustained Production objectives.

Appendix B of Amendment 14 describes the social and economic characteristics of the ocean salmon fishery off the west coast and identifies those fishing communities with annual salmon landings in excess of \$10,000 ex-vessel value. A major purpose of the Salmon FMP's allocation objectives is to preserve the economic viability of local ports and/or specific coastal communities.

Public comments on Amendment 14 must be received by August 28, 2000, to be considered by NMFS in the decision to approve Amendment 14. A proposed rule to implement Amendment 14 has been submitted for Secretarial review and approval. NMFS expects to publish and request public comment on the proposed regulations to implement Amendment 14 in the near future.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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/public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 105<sup>th</sup> meeting in Midway at Midway Atoll. The Council will hold a Precious Corals Plan Team meeting and a public hearing in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Council intends to take action under the Fishery Management Plan for the Precious Corals Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP) on the framework process governing established measures for adjustments to the harvest quota for exploratory precious coral permit areas in the

Western Pacific Region. A public hearing is scheduled during the Plan Team meeting to receive comments on this action.

**DATES:** The Plan Team meeting and the public hearing will be held on July 6, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The public hearing will be held on July 6, 2000, at 11:30 a.m. The Council meeting will be held on July 10-11, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Plan Team meeting will be held at the Council Offices, 1164 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii; telephone 808-522-8220. The Council meeting will be held at Midway Atoll; telephone 808-874-1111. Copies of documents that provide information on options to be discussed at the public hearing are available from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Plan Team Meeting

The agenda for the Plan Team meeting will include the items listed below. The order and time in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Plan Team will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

1. Introductions
  2. Status of the fishery
  3. Review of 104th Council Meeting Minutes
  4. Adjustment of Exploratory Quota (see agenda item 8 under Council agenda for supplemental information)
  5. Confidentiality of Data
  6. Other Business
  7. Summary of Recommendations
  8. Public Hearing
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) invited the Council to convene a meeting on Midway Atoll to discuss issues relating to the management of fishery resources in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). The Midway meeting offers Council members and resource managers first-hand interaction with the unique atoll environment and species of the NWHI, National Wildlife Refuges, and ecotourism operation and associated recreational fishing. Discussions will be focused on protected species (seabirds, turtles, monk seals), jurisdiction, research, ecotourism, recreational fishing, and designation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

##### Council Meeting

The agenda during the Council meeting will include the items listed

below. The order and time in which agenda items are addressed may change. The Council will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

##### Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of the Council's 104<sup>th</sup> meeting
4. Refuge Overview
  - a. Report on Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge
  - b. Report on Midway recreational fisheries program at Midway
  - c. Report on research at Midway on monk seals, seabirds, turtles, and coral reefs
  - d. Report on Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge
  - e. Report on other wildlife refuges in the PRIAs
  - f. Status of Palmyra Atoll
5. Update on activities related to Executive Order 13158 on MPAs and the President's Memorandum on Protection of U.S. Coral Reefs in the NWHI (including ecotourism and bioprospecting)
  - a. State of Hawaii
  - b. Office of Hawaiian Affairs
  - c. FWS
  - d. NMFS
  - e. MPAs in Hawaii and American Samoa
  - f. Research issues including Omnibus Deepwater, monk seals, seabirds, turtles, coral reefs, sharks and lobsters
  - g. Status of shark eradication program at French Frigate Shoals and final report on commercial bottom longline fishing for sharks in the NWHI
  6. Jurisdictional issues: Council/NMFS, FWS, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense
    - a. Midway
    - b. Other NWHI
    - c. PRIAs
  7. Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statements
    - a. Precious Corals
    - b. Crustaceans
    - c. Bottomfish
    - d. Alternatives
  8. Precious Corals FMP exploratory areas

The Council intends to take action under FMP framework process governing established measures for adjustments to the harvest quota for exploratory precious coral permit areas in the Western Pacific Region.

For 20 years, domestic commercial deep-water precious coral harvest has been dormant. In 1999, largely from advances in the industry, researchers have conducted numerous surveys of the resource around the main Hawaiian