

comprehensive restoration plan for west Galveston Island; changes to 316b of the Clean Water Act rules; potential fishery impacts of liquefied natural gas facilities; and the status of beneficial use sites in Galveston Bay.

The Texas Habitat Protection AP is comprised of representatives from the recreational and commercial fishing groups, conservation organizations, academia, and state and federal resource agencies. The Texas group is part of a three unit Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP) of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The principal role of the advisory panels is to assist the Council in attempting to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. Advisory panels serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities which may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. The panels may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agendas may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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.

Copies of the meeting agenda can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings December 5 through 13, 2005, at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 5 and continue through Friday December 9. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday December 5 and continue through Wednesday, December 7, 2005.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 7, continuing through December 13, 2005. All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, December 6 in the Willow Room, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to address enforcement aspects relevant to Council agenda items. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Tuesday, December 6 in the Birch Room, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss the Council's progress on the Aleutian Island Ecosystem plan initiatives and the progress on the broader ecosystem collaboration initiative.

ADDRESSES: Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council Plenary Session

The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports

Executive Director's Report
NMFS Management Report (includes update on rockfish court case, Chiniak

Gully experiment, crab arbitration timing)

U.S. Coast Guard Report
Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Report (includes Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) proposals and subsistence halibut report)

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
Protected Species Report (Report on Right Whale critical habitat designation; Marine Mammal Commission update; Fishery Management Plan (FMP) level Biological Opinion update (BiOp))
2. Halibut Charter: Consider action to rescind Halibut Charter Individual Fishery Quotas (IFQ)

3. Community Development Quotas (CDQ): Final action on Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review (EA/RIR) on management CDQ reserves; review of alternatives/options for revised Amendment 71.

4. BSAI Pacific Cod Allocations: Discuss Trawl catcher vessel eligibility options, action as necessary.

5. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Rationalization: Review preliminary community data; review other data and information and revise alternatives/options as appropriate; review crab and salmon bycatch data, alternatives, and options, and take action as necessary, discussion paper on crew information.

6. Groundfish Management: Final review EA, review/approve GOA specifications and Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report, review/approve BSAI specifications and SAFE report; review discussion paper on BSAI pollock A-season start date; review strawman problem statement and discuss alternatives for Bering Sea Habitat Conservation/Essential Fish Habitat; Review BSAI salmon bycatch alternatives/options for closure areas.

7. Ecosystem Approaches: Report from interagency meeting and discussion of Aleutian Island Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Ecosystem Approach Management.
8. Staff Tasking: Committee and tasking; review discussion paper to change Maximum Retainable Amount (MRA) for the non-American Fisheries Act (AFA) catcher processor fleet, Vessel Monitor System (VMS) discussion.
9. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. C-2 IFQ Omnibus
2. Groundfish Management
3. Review Scallop Assessment

Methods

4. Chiniak research

The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council (with the exception of C-1 Halibut Charter).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111005E]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Model Evaluation Workgroup

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 (Council) Model Evaluation Workgroup (MEW) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be held Monday, December 5, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1121 Cardinal Court, Suite 100, Vancouver, WA 98683 Telephone: 360-604-2500.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the work session is to further develop documentation for the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Models.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the MEW for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820z6-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111005D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; December 1, 2005 Legislative Committee 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 (Council) will convene a meeting of the Legislative Committee (Committee), which is open to the public. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review Federal legislation regarding the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Committee may also review Federal and state legislative matters relative to individual quota programs, aquaculture, and other Council interests.

DATES: The Legislative Committee Meeting will be held on December 1, 2005, from 8:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384, 503-820-2280.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Fishery Management Council Staff Officer, 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Legislative Committee often meets concurrently with the Council but will next meeting away from a Council meeting to allow additional time to

deliberate several significant Federal legislation matters. Although not limited to the following topics, the Committee will focus on recently distributed draft legislation pertaining to the reauthorization of the MSA. Additionally, the Committee may discuss Senate Bill 1549, the *Cooperative Hake Improvement and Conservation Act of 2005* introduced by U.S. Senator Gordon Smith (R-Oregon) and Senate Bill 1195, the *National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2005*. Committee recommendations will be provided in a report to the Council which may form the basis for Council input on these important legislative matters.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel, a joint meeting of its Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel and Snapper Grouper Committee, and a joint meeting of its Snapper Grouper