

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 021903D]

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; March 9–14, 2003, Council Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings and hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings and a hearing on management issues regarding its fisheries.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 9 to 14, 2003, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** under Schedule of Ancillary Meetings. The Council will meet on March 11 to 14, from 8 a.m. till the scheduled business is completed. All meetings are open to the public, except that a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on March 11.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings and the hearing will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California 95815; telephone: (916) 922–8041.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820–2280 or (866) 806–7204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Call to Order
  1. Opening Remarks, Introductions,
  2. Roll Call
  3. Executive Director's Report
  4. Approve Agenda
  5. Approve June, September and November 2002 Meeting Minutes
- B. Salmon Management
  1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
  2. Final Scientific and Statistical Committee Methodology Review Recommendations on the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation and Assessment Models (FRAM) for 2003 Salmon Management
  3. Review of 2002 Fisheries and Summary of 2003 Stock Abundance Estimates
  4. Inseason Management Recommendations for Openings Prior to May 1 North of Cape Falcon

5. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2003 Salmon Management Options
6. Status of Model Evaluation Workgroup
7. Status of Marking Programs for Selective Fisheries
8. Conservation Objectives for Central Valley Winter and Spring Chinook
9. Council Recommendations for 2003 Management Option Analysis
10. Council Direction for 2003 Management Options (if Necessary)
11. Salmon Hearings Officers
12. Adoption of 2003 Management Options for Public Review
  - C. Habitat Issues: Essential Fish Habitat Issues
    - D. Marine Reserves
      1. Considerations for Integrating Marine Reserves with Effective Fishery Management
      2. Update on Marine Reserves Activities
      3. Planning for Federal Waters Portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
    - E. Groundfish Management: National Marine Fisheries Service Report
    - F. Pacific Halibut Management
      1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
      2. Report on International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting
      3. Public Review Options for the 2003 Incidental Catch Regulations in the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries
      - G. Highly Migratory Species Management
        1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
        2. Status of the Pacific Council Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan
      - H. Administrative and Other Matters
        1. Improvements in Meeting National Environmental Policy Act Requirements for Council Action
        2. Planning Session on Improving Council Meeting Efficiency
        3. Legislative Matters
        4. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums
        5. Financial Matters
        6. Council Staff Work Load Priorities and Results of Strategic Goals Workshop
        7. April 2003 Council Meeting Agenda
      - I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
        1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
        2. Draft Regulatory Amendment and Analysis for Changes to Sardine Allocation
        3. Update on Sardine Stock Assessment Review Process

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS***SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2003*

Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Groundfish and Economic  
Subcommittees

1 p.m.  
Sierra B Room

Klamath Fishery Management Council

2 p.m.  
Sierra A Room

*MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003*

Council Secretariat

8 a.m.  
California Room

Scientific and Statistical Committee

8 a.m.  
Sierra B Room

Salmon Advisory Subpanel

8 a.m.  
Comstock 2 Room

Salmon Technical Team

8 a.m.  
Comstock 3 Room

Habitat Committee

10 a.m.  
Klamath Room

Legislative Committee

10 a.m.  
Tahoe Room 514

Budget Committee

1 p.m.  
Tahoe Room 514

Washington State Delegation

As necessary  
Comstock 1 Room

Klamath Fishery Management Council

As necessary  
Sierra A Room

Tribal Policy Group

As necessary  
Almanor Room 303

Tribal Washington Technical Groups

As necessary  
Shasta Room 305

*TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003*

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.  
California Room

California State Delegation

7 a.m.  
Tahoe Room 514

Oregon State Delegation

7 a.m.

Comstock 2 Room	Almanor Room 303	Comstock 2 Room
Scientific and Statistical Committee	Tribal Washington Technical Groups	Salmon Technical Team
8 a.m.	As necessary	8 a.m.
Sierra B Room	Shasta Room 305	Comstock 3 Room
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	Klamath Fishery Management Council	Enforcement Consultants
8 a.m.	As necessary	As necessary
Comstock 2 Room	Sierra A Room	Comstock 1 Room
Salmon Technical Team	<i>THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003</i>	Washington State Delegation
8 a.m.	Council Secretariat	As necessary
Comstock 3 Room	7 a.m.	Comstock 1 Room
Enforcement Consultants	California Room	Tribal Policy Group
Immediately after Council session	California State Delegation	As necessary
Tahoe Room 514	7 a.m.	Almanor Room 303
Washington State Delegation	Tahoe Room 514	Tribal Washington Technical Groups
As necessary Needed	Oregon State Delegation	As necessary
Comstock 1 Room	7 a.m.	Shasta Room 305
Tribal Policy Group	Comstock 2 Room	Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.
As necessary	Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	Special Accommodations
Almanor Room 303	8 a.m.	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) 820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.
Tribal Washington Technical Groups	Klamath Room 513	Dated: February 19, 2003.
As necessary	Salmon Advisory Subpanel	<b>Theophilus R. Brainerd,</b>
Shasta Room 305	8 a.m.	<i>Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.</i>
Klamath Fishery Management Council	Comstock 2 Room	[FR Doc. 03-4329 Filed 2-19-03; 4:34 pm]
As necessary	Salmon Technical Team	<b>BILLING CODE 3510-22-S</b>
Sierra A Room	8 a.m.	
<i>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003</i>	Comstock 3 Room	
Council Secretariat	Enforcement Consultants	
7 a.m.	As necessary	
California Room	Tahoe Room 514	
California State Delegation	Washington State Delegation	
7 a.m.	As necessary Needed	
Tahoe Room 514	Comstock 1 Room	
Oregon State Delegation	Tribal Policy Group	
7 a.m.	As necessary	
Comstock 2 Room	Almanor Room 303	
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	Tribal Washington Technical Groups	
8 a.m.	As necessary	
Klamath Room 513	Shasta Room 305	
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	Klamath Fishery Management Council	
8 a.m.	As necessary	
Comstock 2 Room	Sierra A Room	
Salmon Technical Team	<i>FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003</i>	
8 a.m.	Council Secretariat	
Comstock 3 Room	7 a.m.	
Enforcement Consultants	California Room	
As necessary	California State Delegation	
Tahoe Room 514	7 a.m.	
Washington State Delegation	Tahoe Room 514	
As necessary	Oregon State Delegation	
Comstock 1 Room	7 a.m.	
Tribal Policy Group	Comstock 2 Room	
As necessary	Salmon Advisory Subpanel	
	8 a.m.	

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 021003A]****Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to issue an EFP to use modified traps to capture Royal