

Monday, October 4, 2004

12 noon to 1 p.m., the Tilefish Committee will meet.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet.

3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Joint Dogfish Committee and the Ecosystem Committee will meet concurrently.

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the Law Enforcement Committee will meet.

9 a.m., the Council will convene.

9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., election of Council Officers will be held.

9:15 a.m. to 12 noon, dogfish specifications setting will take place.

1 p.m. to 5 p.m., a Research Set-Aside (RSA) Workshop will be held.

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Research Set-Aside (RSA) Workshop continues.

Wednesday, October 6, 2004

8:30 a.m., Council will convene.

8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Council will meet to approve the August Council meeting minutes and receive various organizational reports, Council liaison reports, the Executive Director's report, and report on the status of fishery management plans.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monkfish Amendment 2 will be reviewed and discussed.

2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., priorities for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass plan actions in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will be developed.

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the ASMFC will hold a Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board meeting to approve Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP addenda, including the allocation of quotas and timing of management measures.

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held from regarding the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (SAFMC) King Mackerel Amendment 15.

Thursday, October 7, 2004

8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the Executive Committee will meet.

9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Council will convene and review the SAFMC's King Mackerel Amendment 15.

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Council will receive a presentation on the Long Island Wind Energy Proposal.

Council will then meet until 2 p.m. to receive Committee reports and address any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: On October 4, meeting of Tilefish

Committee to address and discuss considerations regarding Amendment 1; meeting of the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee to finalize the public hearing document for Amendment 9; meeting of the Ecosystem Committee to review and discuss outcomes from the NMFS initiated meetings and workshops on GIS, survey instruments and management tools; and, meeting of the Joint Dogfish Committee to review the Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2005/06 fishing year quota and associated management measures, and to develop and adopt recommended quota and management measures for 2005/06 fishing year and set specifications for the same.

On October 5, meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee to address and recommend Council Fishery Achievement Award recipient; Council will elect officers for the new year; approve and adopt Dogfish Management measures for 2005/06; and, conduct a RSA Workshop with the ASMFC and NMFS to review, discuss and establish RSA priorities for 2006 and project selection criteria for 2006.

On October 6, the Council will receive organizational reports, liaison reports, and internal staff reports; review and approve Monkfish Amendment 2 for submission to the Secretary and discuss New England Fishery Management Council's (NEFMC) actions regarding Amendment 2 issues directly impacting the MAFMC such as permits for North Carolina fishermen, closure of deep sea corals and effects of DAS usage for multispecies and scallops; in conjunction with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board, Council will develop 2005 priorities for Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass, and will review the outcome of the ASMFC's September workshop on the same.

On October 7, the Executive Committee will meet to review the 2005 annual work plan, discuss committee structures, and address staff benefits; the Council will review and discuss the SAFMC's King Mackerel Amendment 15; and hear a presentation on the Long Island Wind Energy Proposal; receive committee reports; and, act on any new and/or continuing business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo (302-674-2331) 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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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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) Ad Hoc Channel Islands Marine Reserve Committee (CIMRC) will hold a work session to consider information related to proposed marine reserves and marine conservation areas within Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) and to develop recommendations for the Council. The work session is open to the public.

DATES: The CIMRC will meet Tuesday, October 5, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, October 6, 2004 from 9 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205; telephone: 503-228-2000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review the *Staff Preliminary Working Draft*

Document for Consideration of a Network of Marine Reserves and Marine Conservation Areas within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS), receive reports from Council advisory subpanels, Enforcement Consultants, Habitat Committee, and Scientific and Statistical Committee. Based on their review and advisory committee reports, the CIMRC will develop recommendations for the Council's November 2004 meeting. CINMS and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration staff involved with the development of the draft document will be available for discussions with the CIMRC.

At the November 2004 Council meeting, it is anticipated the Council would be scheduled to review the comments of the advisory bodies and public and provide formal comment to CINMS for completing the range of alternatives and analytical elements of a draft environmental impact statement for proposed marine reserves and marine conservation areas within CINMS.

More information about the proposed CINMS project and draft document is available at: http://www.cinms.nos.noaa.gov/marineres/enviro_review.html

This is a public meeting, and time for public comment will be provided at the discretion of the committee chair. Generally, a public comment period will be provided just prior to the end of each day. Please note, this is not a public hearing, rather it is a work session to develop information for Council consideration.

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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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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 (Council) will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee, which is open to the public. The primary purpose of the meeting is to review the Council recommendations on expanding the VMS program for West Coast groundfish fisheries to additional fishery sectors and to develop recommendations for the November 2004 Council meeting.

DATES: The Ad Hoc VMS Committee will meet Thursday, October 7, 2004 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and continuing until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205-3725; telephone: 503-228-2000.

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 Groundfish Staff Officer; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council approved and the National Marine Fisheries Service implemented a pilot VMS program which began on January 1, 2004 for the limited entry trawl and limited entry fixed gear groundfish fishery sectors. The committee needs to consider expanding the VMS program to ensure effective monitoring and enforcement of area closures in commercial and recreational groundfish fisheries. At the September 2004 Council meeting, the Council is scheduled to review a draft Environmental Assessment which builds on the existing program and consider adopting a range of program

expansion alternatives for public review. The Ad Hoc VMS Committee will review the current VMS program, consider Council recommendations on expanding the program, and develop recommendations for the November 2004 Council meeting.

At the November 2004 Council meeting, it is anticipated the Council would be scheduled to review the comments of the advisory bodies and public and identify a preferred alternative for expansion of the current monitoring program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the