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Dated: June 7, 1995.

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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 meetings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on June 26-29, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, OR 97015; telephone: (503) 652-1515.

Submit comments to: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council; 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224; Portland, OR 97201; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of these meetings is to take a comprehensive look at the groundfish fishery, goals and objectives of the fishery management plan, and problems identified by the industry, other interested public, and management agencies. The Council is referring to this as a "scoping session" to identify issues that may or may not lead to preparation of a Federal environmental impact statement. The Council believes the public process of problem identification, open discussion, and consideration of alternative solutions is appropriate for this review of the groundfish management program.

The format of these meetings will be a departure from the typical Council meeting format.

### **June 26, 1995**

The Council will convene at 1:30 p.m., to address some non-groundfish issues.

### **June 27, 1995**

The Council will recess and three discussion groups (trawl, nontrawl and sport) will convene at 8:00 a.m., to address groundfish management issues. Each group will have an impartial, but knowledgeable, facilitator and a recorder. These sessions are open to the public.

### **June 28, 1995**

The Council will reconvene at 8:00 a.m., to address non-groundfish issues while the facilitators and recorders prepare their reports.

### **June 29, 1995**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the Council will address groundfish agenda items, including scoping, and the discussion group reports will be presented for Council consideration and action. The meetings may continue each day into the evening hours, if necessary, to complete business.

Pacific whiting allocation will not be considered at the June meeting. As the 3-year whiting agreement carries through the 1996 season, whiting allocation will be addressed in late 1995 and early 1996.

The following items are on the Council agenda:

#### **A. Call to Order**

1. Opening remarks, introductions, roll call;
2. Approve March and April 1995 minutes; and
3. Approve agenda.

#### **B. Administrative and Other Matters**

1. Report of the Budget Committee;
2. Status of legislation;
3. Appointments; and
4. Approve August 1995 agenda.

#### **C. Salmon Management**

1. Status of regulations and fisheries;
2. Salmon Methodology Review: Columbia River Chinook Abundance Predictor; and
3. Update on NMFS request for escapement goal review.

#### **D. Pacific Halibut Management**

1. Annual management schedule/process; and
2. Estimate of halibut bycatch.

#### **E. Groundfish Management**

1. Scoping process;
2. Status of Federal regulations implementing Council actions;

3. Status of fisheries and inseason adjustments;

4. Requirements for fish tickets on vessels, sorting of species and shrimp pot trip limits;

5. Status of the Oregon Trawl Fishery Data Collection Program;

6. Report of the Observer/Data Collection Program Steering Committee; and

7. Scoping session on groundfish management.

#### **F. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**

1. Anchovy spawning biomass and quotas for 1995-96 season; and

2. Final action on coastal pelagic species fishery management plan.

#### **G. Dungeness Crab Management—Determining if a Federal Plan Should Be Developed**

Oral public comments on action items on the agenda will be accepted prior to action on each item. Public comments on fishery issues not on the agenda will be accepted on June 28 at 4:00 p.m.

### **Other Meetings**

The Groundfish Management Team will meet on June 26, at 8:00 a.m., to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet on June 26, at 10:00 a.m., to address scientific issues on the Council agenda.

The Budget Committee will meet on June 26, at 10:00 a.m., to review the status of the fiscal year 1995 budget and discuss funding priorities for fiscal year 1996.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will meet on June 26, at 1:00 p.m., and on June 28, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, if necessary, to address groundfish management items on the Council agenda.

The Observer/Data Collection Program Steering Committee will meet on June 26, at 7:00 p.m., to review the proposed Oregon State Data Collection Program and related issues.

The Enforcement Consultants will meet on June 26, at 7:00 p.m., to address enforcement issues related to Council agenda items.

The Groundfish Permit Review Board will meet on June 28, at 2:00 p.m., to hear appeals.

Detailed agendas for the above advisory meetings will be available from the Council after June 16, 1995.

In addition, on June 28, at 7:00 p.m., NMFS scientists will discuss the results of the 1994 slope trawl survey.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee, which meets June 26, will accept public comments at 4:00 p.m.