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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713-3090, ext. 126.

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Dave Evans,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone.*

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**Monitor National Marine Sanctuary; Notice of Intent to Issue a Special Use Permit; Request for Applications for Special Use Permit; Request for Comments; Correction**

**AGENCY:** Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** In the public notice of intent to issue, and request for applications for a special use permit to conduct non-research diving at the *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary (MNMS) (60 FR 63508, December 11, 1995) make the following corrections:

On page 63508, in the second column, the fax number listed in the addresses section should be changed to: 804-591-7310.

On page 63509, in the second column, last paragraph, item #3, should be corrected to read:

3. The permittee shall use only vessels that meet all applicable U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) certification and license requirements and that are appropriately inspected, certified, and licensed. A low profile vessel of less than 45 feet in length is preferred.

This correction clarifies that the 45 foot vessel length is a preference rather than a requirement. Due to the logistics of this activity and the weather and current conditions frequently found at

the *Monitor* site, NOAA prefers that vessels be no larger than 45 feet in length. However, NOAA did not intend to preclude the use of larger vessels provided that applicants who wish to use a larger vessel explain in their application why this is appropriate.

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David L. Evans,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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**Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Council was established in December 1993 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

*Time and Place:* Friday, January 26, 1996, from 9:00 until 1:00. The meeting will be held at the Hudson House on Point Lobos State Reserve, Highway One, Carmel, California.

*Agenda:* General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager, reports from the working groups, an update on the status of the Sanctuary Foundation and Sanctuary license plate, and a discussion of efforts to sustain the State Mussel Watch Program.

*Public Participation:* The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

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**New England Fishery Management Council; Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 2-day public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin on Thursday, January 25, 1996, at 10 a.m. and on Friday, January 26, 1996, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the King's Grant Inn, Route 128 and Trask Lane, Danvers, MA; telephone: (617) 231-0422.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas G. Marshall, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (617) 231-0422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

January 25, 1996

The January 25 session will begin with a report on the 21st Stock Assessment Workshop presented by the staff of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center. Analyses will be reviewed for the following species/stocks: Long-finned squid (*Loligo*); short-finned squid (*Illex*), Atlantic herring, winter flounder, and the northeast groundfish complex.

The afternoon agenda will include reports from the Council's Sea Scallop, Marine Mammal, and Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Committees. The Sea Scallop Committee will discuss Framework Adjustment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Council will also review public hearing comments on, and possibly approve, Amendment 6 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. The amendment would establish a temporary experimental use area 10 miles (18.5 km) south of Martha's Vineyard for sea scallop research, enhancement, and aquaculture. The Marine Mammal Committee will discuss Framework Adjustment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. The Groundfish Committee will consider final approval of Amendment 7 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, a program that would rebuild severely overfished cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder and other depleted groundfish stocks. Late in the afternoon, the Council will discuss and provide input to NOAA on

the pending Fishing Capacity Reduction Program.

#### Abbreviated Rulemaking—Atlantic Sea Scallops

At the recommendation of its Scallop Committee, the Council will consider final action on Framework Adjustment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking procedure contained in 50 CFR 650.40. The Council proposes to extend the current rule specifying a maximum crew size of seven until a plan amendment allows the consolidation of days-at-sea now allocated to individual scallop vessels, or until the Council changes the crew size through other action.

#### Abbreviated Rulemaking Action—Northeast Multispecies

The Council will consider final action on Framework Adjustment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking procedure contained in 50 CFR 651.40. The action is intended to further reduce the bycatch of harbor porpoise in the Gulf of Maine sink gillnet fishery by initiating time-area closures in the mid-coast and southern New England regions during the spring.

The Council will consider public comments at a minimum of two Council meetings prior to making any final recommendations to the Director, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Director), under the provisions for abbreviated rulemaking cited above. If the Regional Director concurs with the measures proposed by the Council, he will publish them as a final rule in the Federal Register.

January 26, 1996

If necessary, the Council will begin the January 26 session with further discussion of Amendment 7 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. Other items of business involving groundfish management include NMFS consultation with the Council concerning decisions on small mesh fisheries certification as defined in the Northeast Multispecies FMP and initial discussion of a program to consolidate fishing effort in the groundfish fleet.

The afternoon agenda will conclude with reports from the Council Chairman, Council Executive Director, NMFS Regional Director, Northeast Fisheries Science liaison, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison, and representatives from the Department of State, Coast Guard, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Any other outstanding business will be addressed at this time.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Douglas G. Marshall (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 19, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory bodies will meet the week of January 29, 1996, in Anchorage, AK. The Council will also hold a joint meeting with the Alaska Board of Fisheries (ABOF) on January 30. Other committee and workgroup meetings may be held on short notice during the week; notices will be posted at the meeting site. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council executive sessions to discuss personnel issues, international issues, and litigation.

**DATES:** The Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on January 29, 1996, and continue through January 31. The Council will meet jointly with the ABOF on January 30, tentatively set to begin at 10:30 a.m., and begin their normal plenary session at 8:00 a.m. on January 31, 1996, continuing into February 4.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the joint meeting of the Council and the ABOF on January 30, 1996, includes the following subjects.

1. Reports on the North Pacific Fisheries Research (Observer) Plan, crab stocks 1995/96 fishery updates, and an update on Bering Sea/Aleutians Islands (BSAI) crab research.

2. A report on the use of length base-analysis to estimate Bristol Bay red king crab abundance.

3. Discussion of Council action on Bering Sea trawl closures to protect crab.

4. Discussion of Tanner crab bycatch cap transfers between Zones 1 and 2 in the BSAI.

5. Proposals before the Board of Fisheries that require Council consultation.

6. Report on plans by the State of Alaska for managing groundfish and scallops in 1996.

The agenda for the Council's plenary session, beginning on January 31, 1996 includes:

1. Report from NMFS on domestic fisheries and the Sablefish and Halibut Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) fisheries.

2. Review of management actions under the Sablefish and Halibut IFQ program, including:

(a) Final review of a "buydown" amendment.

(b) Initial review of a "sweep-up" amendment.

3. Under the Council's Comprehensive Rationalization Plan, the Council will discuss:

(a) Further consideration of pollock IFQs.

(b) Further development of a work plan and alternatives for vessel bycatch allowances.

4. Discussion of Council operations.

5. Discussion of any issues on crab raised during the joint Council/ABOF meeting.

6. Final review of research priorities.

7. Status reports on the analytical efforts toward improved retention and utilization amendments.

8. The following amendments and groundfish management issues will also be discussed:

(a) Initial review of overfishing definition amendments.

(b) Final action on a halibut gridsorting amendment.

(c) Final action on pollock trimester allocations in the Gulf of Alaska.

(d) Council direction to staff for analysis of a change in the opening date for the BSAI pollock "B" season.

(e) A report on activities of the Salmon Foundation.

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