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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association

Administration, Modernization Transition Committee; Public Meeting

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

TIME AND DATE: September 24, 1997 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: This meeting will take place at the Silver Spring Quality Hotel, 8727

Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public. The time between 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. will be set aside for oral comments or questions from the public and approximately 50 seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting will cover: Consultation on 11 combined Automation and Closure Certifications, 5 combined Consolidation, Automation and Closure Certifications, and 1 Closure only Certification; review of the Air Safety Foundation's pilot education and feedback results; update on the interactions between NWS and the Astoria community; presentation on the National Research Council Road Map Study; and update on FAA ASOS Assessment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mr. Nicholas Scheller, National Weather Service, Modernization Staff, 1325 East-West Highway, SSMC2, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Telephone: (301) 713-0454.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072597B]

Advisory Panel on Highly Migratory Species Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for nominations; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS is correcting a notice that appeared in the **Federal Register** of Thursday, August 28, 1997 (62 FR 45629) in column one. The original notice was published with an incorrect date for receipt of nominations. The date for receipt of nominations should be September 12, 1997. Nominations may be sent to Rebecca Lent, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Nominations may be faxed to (301) 713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Liz Lauck (301) 713-2347.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 072597B, appearing on page 45629 in the **Federal Register** of Thursday, August 28, 1997, the following correction is made:

1. On page 45629, in the first column, "Nominations must be submitted by September 29, 1997" is changed to "Nominations must be submitted by September 12, 1997."

Dated: August 28, 1997.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082797B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet in Seattle the week of September 22, 1997.

DATES: The meetings will be held during the week of September 22, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel-Seattle Airport, 18740 Pacific Coast Highway South, Seattle, WA. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of a Council executive session tentatively scheduled for noon on Thursday, September 25, to discuss personnel, international issues, or litigation, as necessary.

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: Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) Implementation Team will meet Sunday, September 21, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel will begin meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22, and continue until their agendas are completed.

The Enforcement Committee will meet Monday evening, September 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Council's regular plenary session will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, and continue through Sunday, September 28.

Other workgroup or committee meetings may be held during the week. Notices of these meetings will be posted at the hotel. 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. Oaths of office will be administered to newly-appointed Council members, and election of officers will take place.

2. Reports from the NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game on the current status of the fisheries off Alaska, and NMFS and U.S. Coast Guard reports on enforcement.

3. Review and approve problem statement and alternatives for further analysis for allocation of pollock between inshore and offshore sectors. Consider separating the pollock Community Development Quota (CDQ) program from the inshore-offshore amendment.

4. Consider approval of the State of Alaska's recommendations for allocation of multi-species CDQs under the license limitation program.

5. Consider final action for an amendment to the Halibut and Sablefish IFQ Program to amend ownership requirements for hired skippers, and give initial review of an amendment to initiate rolling closures in the sablefish fisheries during annual surveys. Receive a report and discussion paper from the International Pacific Halibut Commission on a weighmasters program from the IFQ fisheries.

6. The Council will consider several halibut issues, including:

a. Consider final action on management alternatives for the Alaska halibut guided sport/charterboat industry.

b. Consider final action on a local area halibut management plan for Sitka Sound.

c. Initial review of changes to the possession limits for halibut.

d. General discussion of local area halibut management plans.

7. Under Magnuson-Stevens Act revisions, the Council will consider the following subjects:

a. The IFQ/CDQ fee and registry programs; initial review.

b. Final action on the North Pacific loan program.

c. Review proposals for bycatch reduction measures.

d. Receive progress reports on other mandates, including essential fish habitat.

8. Receive a report on an industry-initiated crab license buyback program.

9. Review progress toward a joint project agreement for managing the observer program and review a draft analysis for a third-party arrangement for observer procurement services.

10. Receive a progress report from the Vessel Bycatch Accountability committee.

11. The Council will receive the preliminary 1998 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports for Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish and release them for public review, and set preliminary 1998 harvest allocations, including vessel incentive program rate standards, and bycatch allowances.

12. Other groundfish issues to be addressed include:

a. Review a proposal and industry recommendations for trip limits for pollock and Pacific cod in the Gulf of Alaska.

b. Review recommendations on groundfish issues from the joint Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries Committee.

c. Discuss a proposal for Eastern Gulf of Alaska boundary changes.

d. Take final action on an amendment to revise the maximum retainable bycatch of shortaker/rougheye in Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands trawl fisheries.

e. Staff report on gear preemption issues.

f. Consider repeal of salmon retention regulations.

13. Review Amendment 3 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan for joint management with the State of Alaska. Discussion of limited entry for the scallop fishery and provide direction to staff.

14. Review proposals received for changes to the groundfish fishery management plans.

15. Review and comment on an application for foreign vessel transhipment permit.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during the meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language