

implementing the approved measures will not become effective until the implementation of the final rule. NMFS anticipates that the final rule will be published in the near future.

In compliance with NEPA, the public is informed that the ROD for Amendment 10 is available on the NMFS website at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov> or may be obtained from the Regional Administrator (see ADDRESSES).

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

Dated: April 26, 2004.

**Rebecca Lent,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042604G]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Improved Retention/Improved Utilization Subcommittee will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, May 18, 2004, from 9 a.m. to noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 1, Human Resource Conference Room, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee is scheduled to discuss: (1) Further refine the underutilized species threshold component in Amendment 80a (Component 10); (2) The Committee may also address any other issues that they deem necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those

issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 26, 2004.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042604F]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The CPSMT will meet Tuesday, May 18, 2004 from 9 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at NMFS, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Conference Room 3400, Long Beach, CA 90802; telephone: (562) 980-4000.

*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 primary purpose of the work session is to review the current Pacific mackerel stock assessment and develop harvest guideline and seasonal structure

recommendations for the 2004-05 fishery. Planning for the CPS stock assessment review and election of CPSMT officers for 2004 will also occur. The 2004 CPS stock assessment and fishery evaluation (SAFE) document, and CPSMT considerations about the need for an amendment to the CPS fishery management plan to address management measures related to Pacific sardine allocation will also be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the CPSMT meeting agenda may come before the CPSMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 CPSMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### 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.

Dated: April 26, 2004.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060603D]

#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS); Issues and Options Paper for Amendment 2 to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP) and Amendment 2 to the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan (Billfish FMP)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability, notice of public scoping meetings, notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the availability of a paper describing issues and options for Amendment 2 to the

HMS FMP and for Amendment 2 to the Billfish FMP. The issues and options paper describes a wide range of potential management measures that could affect fishermen, dealers, or equipment suppliers for the Atlantic tuna, swordfish, shark, or billfish fisheries. NMFS also announces a series of public scoping meetings to discuss and collect comments on the issues described in the issues and options paper. Comments received on the issues and options paper and in the scoping meetings will assist NMFS in developing Amendment 2 to the HMS FMP and Amendment 2 to the Billfish FMP.

**DATES:** Written comments on the issues and options paper must be received no later than July 14, 2004.

The public scoping meetings will be held in May and June, 2004. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be mailed to Christopher Rogers, Chief, NMFS Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or faxed to (301) 713-1917. Comments on this NOA may also be submitted by e-mail: [060303D.issues@noaa.gov](mailto:060303D.issues@noaa.gov). Copies of the issues and options paper or the HMS and Billfish FMPs can be obtained from the HMS website at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms>, by contacting Karyl Brewster-Geisz at (301) 713-2347, or by writing to the address above.

The public scoping meetings will be held in Gloucester, MA; Ocean City, MD; New Orleans, LA; Manteo, NC; San Juan, PR; Destin, FL; Montauk, NY; Port Aransas, TX; and Cocoa Beach, FL; for specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karyl Brewster-Geisz at (301) 713-2347, Mark Murray-Brown at (978) 281-9260, or Russell Dunn at (727) 570-5447.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Atlantic tuna, swordfish, shark and billfish fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and regulated pursuant to the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), which authorizes rulemaking to implement recommendations of the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Implementing regulations for both the HMS FMP and the Billfish FMP are at 50 CFR part 635.

## Background

NMFS has received numerous recommendations and comments regarding fishery management issues and regulations from the HMS and Billfish Advisory Panels (APs) and other members of the public regarding the 1999 HMS and Billfish FMPs, and their respective amendments. An amendment to the HMS and Billfish FMPs is necessary to address many of these issues and to enact management alternatives. On July 9, 2003 (68 FR 40907), NMFS published a notice of intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act that would assess potential effects on the human environment of actions proposed under Amendment 2 to the HMS FMP and under Amendment 2 to the Billfish FMP. The NOI identified potential actions that could be incorporated into Amendment 2 including, but not limited to: adjusting Atlantic Bluefin Tuna quota allocations, revising the limited access permit program, identifying essential fish habitat, addressing swordfish and shark quota allocation issues, and issuance of exempted fishing permits. In February 2004, NMFS met with the APs and discussed these and other potential issues and options. As a result of discussion with the APs and the comments received on the NOI, NMFS compiled an Issues and Options paper for Amendment 2 to the HMS FMP and for Amendment 2 to the Billfish FMP.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the issues and options paper. This paper provides a framework for receiving public comments and for evaluating those comments as NMFS considers what actions should be incorporated into Amendment 2 or other rulemakings. NMFS will hold nine scoping meetings to gather public comments on the issues and options described in the paper. Written comments can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

After scoping has been completed and public comments have been gathered and analyzed, NMFS will proceed, as appropriate, with the preparation of draft EISs for Amendment 2 to the HMS and Billfish FMPs and of a proposed rule. NMFS will then provide additional opportunities for public comment. Until the EISs, amendments, and proposed rule documents are finalized, all current regulations regarding HMS fisheries will remain in effect.

## Request for Comments

NMFS requests public comments on a wide range of management options for Amendment 2 to the HMS and Billfish FMPs. These management measures could affect fishermen, dealers, equipment suppliers, or anyone involved with HMS fisheries. Some of the issues and potential options for which NMFS is requesting comment include, but are not limited to: modifying the General category allocation of Bluefin tuna; filleting Atlantic tuna at sea; modifying the swordfish bag limit for anglers; changing the large coastal shark trip limit for directed permit holders; streamlining the limited access permit program; simplifying the quota and permitting administrative processes for exempted fishing permits; modifying non-tournament reporting of billfish harvest; establishing outreach workshops; implementing the bycatch reduction plan; and updating essential fish habitat identifications and data for all HMS. Comments received on these and other relevant issues will assist NMFS in determining suitable alternatives to rulemaking actions and will improve the management of Atlantic HMS.

## Schedule of Public Scoping Meetings

The dates, times, and locations of these meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. *Wednesday, May 19, 2004. 7-9 p.m.*

Gloucester Lyceum and Sawyer Free Library, 2 Dale Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930.

2. *Wednesday, June 2, 2004. 7-9 p.m.*

Ocean City Council Chambers, 301 Baltimore Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842.

3. *Thursday, June 3, 2004. 7-9 p.m.*

Elquier Regional Library, 3014 Holiday Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131.

4. *Tuesday, June 8, 2004. 7-9 p.m.*

North Carolina Aquarium, Roanoke Island, P.O. Box 967, Airport Road, Manteo, NC 27954.

5. *Thursday, June 10, 2004. 2-4 p.m.*

Ponce de Leon Ave 17, San Juan, PR 00901.

6. *Thursday, June 17, 2004. 7-9 p.m.*

101 Stahlman Ave., Destin, FL 32541.

7. *Tuesday, June 22, 2004. 7-9 p.m.*

12 Flamingo Avenue, Montauk, NY 11954.

8. *Thursday, June 24, 2004. 7-9 p.m.*

Marine Science Institute, Visitors Center (located on Cotter St. near

beach), 750 Channel View Dr., Port Aransas, TX 78373.

9. Wednesday, June 30, 2004. 7–9 p.m.

550 North Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings will be accessible to people with physical disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heather Stirratt, (301) 713–2347.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 27, 2004.

**John H. Dunnigan,**

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection 3038–0023, Notice Registration as a Futures Commission Merchant or Introducing Broker for Certain Securities Brokers and Dealers

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“the Commission”) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice

in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, and to allow 60 days for comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to information collected to assist the Commission in the prevention of market manipulation.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Lawrence B. Patent, Division of Clearing and Intermediary Oversight, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lawrence B. Patent, (202) 418–5439; FAX (202) 418–5547; e-mail [lpatent@cftc.gov](mailto:lpatent@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the Commission is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, the Commission invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;

- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Ways to enhance the quality of, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

##### Notice Registration as a Futures Commission Merchant or Introducing Broker for Certain Securities Brokers and Dealers, OMB Control No. 3038–0023–Extension

This collection covers the paperwork requirements associated with the process of registration by futures industry intermediaries, including futures commission merchants, introducing brokers, commodity pool operators, commodity trading advisors, associated persons of each of the foregoing, and floor brokers, as well as floor traders. The Commission has authorized the National Futures Association, an industry self-regulatory organization and the only registered futures association, to perform the registration processing functions.

The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

#### ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

Annual number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
78,215 .....	Periodically .....	81,465	.09	7,405

Dated: April 23, 2004.

**Jean A. Webb**

Secretary of the Commission.

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 2004.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Rule Enforcement Review.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jean A. Webb, (202) 418–5100.

**Jean A. Webb,**

Secretary of the Commission.

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