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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the Aleutian Room on Wednesday, April 5, continuing through Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the King Salmon/Iliamna Room on Monday April 3rd and continue through Wednesday April 5, 2017. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Dillingham/Katmai Room on Tuesday April 4th, and continue through Saturday April 8, 2017. The Legislative Committee will meet on Monday April 3, 2017 (room to be determined) from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Ecosystem Committee will meet on Tuesday April 4th, 2017 (room to be determined) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Agenda**

*Monday, April 3, 2017 Through Tuesday, April 11, 2017*

*Council Plenary Session:* 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. Executive Director's Report (including update on Social Science Strategy Group development, report from the Lenfest Fisheries Ecosystem Task Force; CCC update, Legislation update, and update on SBRM requirements)
2. NMFS Management Report (including Marine Mammals Take Accounting, Fur Seal Status and Management planning, AFSC Research Prioritization)
3. ADF&G Report
4. NIOSH Report
5. USCG Report
6. USFWS Report
7. Protected Species
8. Scallop SAFE and Plan Team Report
9. Salmon FMP Amendment
10. Pollock ICA/IPA Reports; Update on Salmon Genetics
11. Co-op Reports
12. GOA Rockfish Program Review
13. EFH Omnibus Amendment
14. Halibut Abundance-based PSC Limits
15. CDQ Ownership Caps
16. EM Working Group Report
17. Lead Level 2 Observers
18. BSAI Crab Binding Arbitration Formula
19. BSAI Tanner Crab Custom Processing Cap
20. BS Fishery Ecosystem Plan

21. Programmatic Groundfish Objectives  
The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Scallop SAFE and Annual Catch Limit Specifications
2. BS Fishery Ecosystem Plan
3. EFH Omnibus Amendment
4. Lead Level 2 Observers
5. Salmon Genetics
6. GOA Rockfish Program Workplan
7. Reports on Marine Mammal Take Accounting, Fur Seal Status and Management, AFSC Research Prioritization
8. CDQ Ownership Caps

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Councils primary peer review panel for scientific information as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>

**Special Accommodations**

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Dated: March 8, 2017.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XF281**

**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Protected Species

Advisory Committee (PSAC), Social Science Planning Committee (SSPC) and Marine Planning and Climate Change Committee (MPCCC) to review relevant sections of the draft 2016 annual reports for the Pacific Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), American Samoa Archipelago FEP, Hawaii FEP, Mariana Archipelago FEP and Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) FEP. The committees will also receive updates on matters related to fishery management and may make recommendations on these topics.

**DATES:** The PSAC meeting will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on March 30-31, 2017. The SSPC will be held between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on April 3, 2017. The MPCCC meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on April 5-6, 2017. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The PSAC and MPCCC meetings will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, phone: (808) 522-8220. The SPCC meeting will be held at the Council office and by teleconference at (888) 482-3560; Passcode: 5228220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; phone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Agenda for the PSAC Meeting**

*9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2017*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Status of the Third Protected Species Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations
4. Review of the Draft 2016 FEP Annual Report
  - A. Overview of the 2016 Annual Report Updates
    - i. Data integration chapter development
    - ii. Ecosystem chapter updates
  - B. Pelagic Longline Fishery Sections
    - i. Summary of relevant fishery data
    - ii. Protected species section
    - iii. Discussion and synthesis
  - C. Pelagic Non-longline Fishery Sections
    - i. Summary of relevant fishery data
    - ii. Protected species section
    - iii. Discussion and synthesis
  - D. Insular Fishery Sections
    - i. Summary of relevant fishery data

- ii. Protected species section
- iii. Discussion and synthesis
- E. Discussion on Emerging Issues
- F. Discussion on Data Gaps and Research Needs

## 5. Public Comment

9 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2017

- 6. Fisheries and Protected Species Management Updates
  - A. Recent Council Actions
    - i. Pelagic fisheries actions
    - ii. Insular fisheries actions
    - iii. Discussion
  - B. Council Protected Species Activities Update
    - i. Seabird interactions in the Hawaii deep-set longline fishery
    - ii. Rare events bycatch workshop
    - iii. Other updates
  - C. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Updates
    - i. Section 7 ESA consultations for pelagic and insular fisheries
    - ii. ESA listing and other related actions
    - iii. Discussion
- 7. Council's Research Priorities
  - A. Five-year Research Priorities
  - B. Cooperative Research Priorities
  - C. Discussion
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Committee Discussion and Recommendations
- 10. Other Business & Next Meeting

**Agenda for the SSPC Meeting**

10 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2017

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. New Emerging Issues by Region
  - A. American Samoa
  - B. CNMI
  - C. Guam
  - D. Hawaii
- 3. Review of the Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) Report Draft Human Dimensions Sections
- 4. Status of Ongoing Research Projects and Grant Solicitations
  - A. Bottomfishing History Project
  - B. Update on Saltonstall-Kennedy (SK) Proposals
  - C. Update on NOAA Preserve America Grant Proposals
- 5. Report on Program Initiatives
  - A. Hawaii Fish Flow Workshop
  - B. Review and Comment: National Academy of Science Review of the Marine Recreational Information Program
  - C. Review and Comment: Feasibility of a Non-Commercial Marine Fishing Registry, Permit, or License System in Hawaii
- 6. Review and Update of SSPC Strategic Plan
- 7. Review and Update of SSPC Research Priorities

- 8. Membership Changes
- 9. Recommendations
- 10. Other Business

**Agenda for the MPCCC Meeting**

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2017

- 1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda
  - 2. Introductions/Regional Updates
  - 3. Update on Pacific Islands Regional Action Plan for the NOAA Climate Science Strategy
  - 4. Update on MAFAC Resilience Working Group and Climate and Marine Resources Task Force
  - 5. Overview of 2015 Annual Reports for the Fishery Ecosystem Plans of the Western Pacific Region—Where They Are and How to Use Them
  - 6. Overview of 2016 Annual Report Components
    - A. Contractor Recommendations on Climate Change Module
    - B. 166th Council Recommendations
    - C. Draft 2016 Climate Change Indicators From Plan Team
      - i. Pelagic
      - ii. Archipelagic
    - D. Draft 2016 Marine Planning Indicators From Plan Team
      - i. Pelagic
      - ii. Archipelagic
    - E. Chapter 3: Data Integration Workshop
  - 7. Public Comment on Draft 2016 Annual Reports
  - 8. Committee Discussion and Recommendation on Draft 2016 Annual Reports
- 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 2017
- 9. Review of Existing Climate Change Outreach and Resources by Island Area
    - A. American Samoa
    - B. Hawaii
    - C. Guam
    - D. CNMI
  - 10. Island Area Breakouts to Identify and Develop Climate Change Outreach Resources Focused on Fisheries and Fishing Communities
  - 11. Presentation and Discussion of Breakout Results
    - A. American Samoa
    - B. Hawaii
    - C. Guam
    - D. CNMI
  - 12. Public Comment on MPCC Outreach
  - 13. Committee Discussion and Recommendations on MPCC Outreach
  - 14. Old Business
    - A. MPCC Action Plan Update
    - B. Other
  - 15. New Business
    - A. WPRFMC Five-Year Research

## Priorities

- B. Cooperative Research Priorities
- C. Other

- 16. Public Comment on MPCC Action Plan and Research Priorities
- 17. Committee Discussion and Recommendations on MPCC Action Plan and Research Priorities
- 18. 2017–18 Committee Members and Officers

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648–XF261**

**Threatened Species: Take of Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)**

**AGENCY:** NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Issuance of one U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 10(a)1(A) scientific enhancement permit (permit 20085).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued Stillwater Sciences one section 10(a)1(A) scientific enhancement permit (permit 20085) for conducting invasive species removal from a south-central California watershed (Chorro Creek). Authorized activities within the permit are expected to affect the threatened South Central California Coast (SCCC) Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

**ADDRESSES:** The permit application, the permit, and other related documents are available for review, by appointment, at the foregoing address: California Coastal Office, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802 (phone: 562–980–4026, fax: 562–980–4027, email at: [Matthew.McGoogan@noaa.gov](mailto:Matthew.McGoogan@noaa.gov))