

Monday, March 24, 2008, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Welcome - Eugenio Pineiro
- Introduction - Miguel Rolon
- Adoption of Agenda
- DOS - Legal Status of Navassa Island
- Management Aspects of Navassa Island - DOI Perspective
- Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act (MSRA) and Navassa Island - NMFS/CFMC
- Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Outline/Appointment of Navassa Island Plan Development Team (NIPDT)
 - Scoping Meetings
 - Literature Review
 - Fishery/Biology Habitat (EFH)
 - Fishery Socio-Economy

Tuesday, March 25, 2008, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- FMP Outline/Appointment NIPDT (Cont.)
 - Management Alternatives
 - Enforcement Considerations
 - Other Applicable Laws, e.g., ESA/EIS
 - International Considerations Re: TAC and Foreign Allocations
 - Consideration of Candidates for NIPDT
 - Data and Research Needs
 - Comments from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and General Public
- Other Business

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 19, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XF76

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 8-14, 2008. The Council meeting will begin on Sunday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 9 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel and Management Team meetings will be held at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West, 2200 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 922-4700. All other meetings of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 929-8855.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Call to Order
 1. Opening Remarks and Introductions
 2. Roll Call
 3. Executive Director's Report
 4. Approve Agenda
- B. Administrative Matters
 1. Future Council Meeting Agenda Planning

2. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Implementation
3. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
4. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
5. Future Council Meeting Planning, April 2008 Council Meeting Agenda, and Workload Priorities
- C. Highly Migratory Species Management
 1. NMFS Report
 2. Yellowfin Tuna Overfishing
 3. High Seas Shallow-Set Longline (SSLL) Amendment
 4. Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) for Longline Fishing in the West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone
 5. Public Comment Session on the High Seas SSLL Amendment and Longline Fishing EFP
- D. Salmon Management
 1. Review of 2007 Fisheries and Summary of 2008 Stock Abundance Estimates
 2. Identification of Stocks not Meeting Conservation Objectives
 3. Klamath River Fall Chinook Stock Assessment and Management Recommendations
 4. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2008 Salmon Management Options
 5. Council Recommendations for 2008 Management Option Analysis
 6. Council Direction for 2008 Management Options (if necessary)
 7. Adoption of 2008 Management Options for Public Review
 8. Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers
- E. Habitat/Current Habitat Issues
- F. Groundfish Management
 1. NMFS Report
 2. Stock Assessment Planning for 2011-2012 Management Measures
 3. Pacific Whiting Harvest Specifications and Management Measures for 2008
 4. Fishery Management Plan Amendment 22: Open Access License Limitation
 5. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
 6. Tracking and Monitoring for Trawl Rationalization Program
- G. Pacific Halibut Management
 1. Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission Meeting
 2. Incidental Catch Regulations in the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Saturday, March 8, 2008 - Hilton Sacramento Arden West

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel
Highly Migratory Species Management Team

Sunday, March 9, 2008 - Hilton Sacramento Arden West

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel

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SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—Continued

Highly Migratory Species Management Team	9 a.m.
Sunday, March 9, 2008 - Doubletree Hotel Sacramento	
Council Secretariat	1 p.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	1:30 p.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	2 p.m.
Groundfish Management Team	2 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Habitat Committee	9 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	4:30 p.m.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
Tuesday, March 11, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
Wednesday, March 12, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
Thursday, March 13, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Tribal Policy Group	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.
Friday, March 14, 2008	
Council Secretariat	7 a.m.
California State Delegation	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As necessary.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel	As necessary.
Salmon Technical Team	As necessary.
Tribal and Washington Technical Group	As necessary.
Washington State Delegation	As necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal

Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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

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Dated: February 19, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

RIN 0648-XE42

Notice of Public Scoping and Intent to Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement for Fruit Growers Supply Company's Multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan, Siskiyou County, California

AGENCIES: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce; and Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (together the Services) intend to gather information necessary for the preparation of a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will consider applications from the Fruit Growers Supply Company (FGS) for Incidental Take Permits (ITPs) for take of endangered and threatened species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). FGS's applications will include a multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), as required under the ESA. The HCP will address forest management and timber operations on FGS lands in Siskiyou County, California. The proposed 50 year HCP will encompass approximately 154,000 acres of lands owned by FGS on and after the granting date of the ITPs. The HCP will outline conservation programs for various aquatic species

under the jurisdiction of NMFS and terrestrial species under the jurisdiction of FWS. For purposes of the issuance of the ITPs, NMFS and FWS are co-lead agencies under National Environmental Policy Act.

We provide this notice to describe the proposed action and possible alternatives; advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EIS; announce the initiation of a public scoping period; and obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues and possible alternatives to be included in the EIS.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before April 7, 2008. The Services will conduct two public scoping meetings where oral and written comments can be submitted. These meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in Yreka, CA, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in Happy Camp, CA, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Should winter conditions prevent conducting the Yreka meeting, it will occur one week later on March 18, 2008, in Yreka from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Should winter conditions prevent conducting the Happy Camp meeting, it will occur one week later on March 19, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the scope of the EIS and requests for additional information should be addressed to Lisa Roberts, NMFS 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (707) 825-4840 or by e-mail to FGS-Scoping.SWR@noaa.gov. Public scoping meetings will be held at the Best Western Miners Inn Convention Center, 122 East Minor Street, Yreka, CA 96097 and the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority-Headway Building, 64101 Second Avenue, Happy Camp, CA 96039. Comments received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Roberts, NMFS, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521, (707) 825-5178.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Lisa Roberts, NMFS, at (707) 825-5178, as soon as possible. In order

to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

Background Information

Section 9 of the ESA prohibits the "take" of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened by either the FWS or NMFS (16 USC 1538). The ESA defines the term "take" as: harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed species, or attempt to engage in such conduct. Pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, FWS and NMFS may issue ITPs to take listed species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

Take of listed plant species is not prohibited under the Act, and cannot be authorized under a section 10 permit. However, FGS proposes to include Yreka phlox (*Phlox hirsute*) in the HCP to extend the plan's conservation benefits to this species. All species included on an ITP would receive assurances under the Services' "No Surprises" regulations found in 50 CFR 17.22(b)(5), 17.32(b)(5), and 222.307(g).

To receive an ITP under the ESA, an applicant must prepare an HCP that specifies the following: (1) the impact of the taking; (2) steps the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate the impact; (3) funding available to implement the steps; (4) what alternative actions to the taking the applicant considered and the reasons why they were not taken; and (5) any other measures NMFS or FWS may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purpose of the plan (16 USC 1539). To issue a permit, NMFS and FWS must find that: (1) the taking will be incidental, (2) the applicant will minimize and mitigate impacts of the take to the maximum extent possible; (3) the applicant will ensure adequate funding for the HCP; (4) the taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species; and the applicant has met other measures required by FWS and NMFS. Regulations governing issuance of FWS permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32, and at 50 CFR 222.301 through 307 for NMFS-issued permits.

FGS is developing a multi-species HCP in anticipation of applying for ITPs under the ESA. The HCP will apply to approximately 154,000 acres of commercial timberland owned by FGS in Siskiyou County, California. The ownership consists of three management units as defined by FGS: