lions. This 1996 EA is a supplement to, and augments, an EA prepared in 1995 that examined non-lethal alternatives to lethal removal. The EA also provides additional information and results of actions taken to protect and enhance the winter steelhead population in 1995.

NMFS has evaluated the environmental consequences of the proposed action and has concluded that it is unlikely to result in any significant impacts on the human environment and therefore has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The EA and FONSI have been prepared in accordance with NEPA and implementing regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 and NOAA guidelines concerning implementation of NEPA found in the NOAA Administrative Order 216–6.

Additional information on steelhead enhancement and management measures being taken by the State of Washington, or a copy of the EA and FONSI is available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: March 13, 1996.

William W. Fox, Jr., Ph.D.,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

[FR Doc. 96–7184 Filed 3–25–96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510–22–F

[I.D. 031896B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

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 April 15, 1996, in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: 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 Advisory Panel (AP) and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin on April 15, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. The SSC will conclude their meeting on April 17, and the AP will conclude their meeting by April 18. The Council will begin their meeting on April 17, at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude on April 22, 1996. 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, international issues, and litigation. An executive session is tentatively scheduled for 12:00 noon on April 18.

The agenda for the meeting will include the following subjects:

1. Reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service and Alaska Department of Fish and Game on the current status of the fisheries off Alaska, reports on enforcement and international fisheries, and a status report on the reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

2. Initial review of Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Pacific cod gear allocations, and a report on a ban on night trawling.

3. Reports on crab bycatch issues and initial review of an analysis on crab caps and closures in Bristol Bay.

4. Final action on a third party, pay-as-you-go observer program and review of a Request for Proposals for the third party entity.

5. Final review of an amendment to the sablefish and halibut individual fishery quota (IFQ) program which would increase ''sweep-up'' levels for blocked shares. Other IFQ issues on the agenda include initial review of two other amendments to the program - an increase in the Bering Sea halibut ownership cap, and permitting the use of longline pots for sablefish in the Bering Sea. The IFQ Research Team will give a preliminary report on the 1995 sablefish and halibut IFQ program.

6. Progress report on measures to improve retention and utilization in the groundfish fisheries off Alaska.

7. Review of the Proposed Rule for the groundfish and crab license limitation program, if available.

8. Review consolidated regulations for groundfish and crab and a Proposed Rule to repeal the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

9. Under groundfish management, the following subjects will be discussed:

(a) Final review of an amendment to delay the opening of the BSAI pollock ''B'' season;

(b) Initial review of an amendment to overfishing definitions in the groundfish FMPs;

(c) Definition of alternatives for a license limitation program for demersal shelf rockfish in the Gulf of Alaska; and

(d) Review of a request for an experimental fishing permit.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907–271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 19, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

[FR Doc. 96–7183 Filed 3–25–96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510–22–F

[I.D. 031896C]

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

DATES: The Council meeting will be held April 9–12, 1996. It will begin on April 9, at 8 a.m. in a closed session (not open to the public) to discuss litigation. The open session begins at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting will reconvene at 8 a.m. each day April 10 through April 12. The meetings may continue each day into the evening hours if necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA 94080; telephone: (415) 877–8787.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326–6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda:

A. Call to Order

B. Salmon Management

1. Tentative Adoption of 1996 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Salmon Technical Team Analysis

2. Clarify Council direction, if necessary

3. National Research Council Report on Pacific Northwest Salmonids

4. Scoping session to identify plan amendment issues and alternatives
5. Identification of stocks not meeting goals for 3 consecutive years
6. Methodology review
7. Final action on 1996 measures

C. Report of the Steering Group

D. Groundfish Management

1. Status of Federal regulations implementing Council actions
2. Status of fisheries and inseason trip limit adjustments
3. Management procedures for the area near Cape Mendocino
4. Revised stock assessment process
5. Long term management of the limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery
6. Allocation and management of Pacific whiting after 1996
7. Report of the industry meeting on salmon bycatch avoidance in the whiting fishery
8. Effort reduction, data collection, research and other industry recommendations

E. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of the Budget Committee
2. Status of legislation
3. Research and data needs
4. Adopt June or August agenda
5. Revise Council operating procedures
6. Regulation consolidation and elimination

Other Meetings

The Salmon Technical Team will meet on March 8–12 as necessary to address salmon management issues related to Council agenda items.

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will convene on April 8 at 9 a.m. and April 9–12 at 8 a.m. to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Habitat Steering Group will convene on April 8 at 10 a.m. to consider activities affecting the habitat of fish stocks managed by the Council.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will convene on April 8 at 1 p.m. and on April 9 at 8 a.m. in conjunction with the Groundfish Management Team and the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel. The SSC will continue to meet after the joint meeting has ended on April 9. The SSC will meet again on April 10 at 8 a.m. to address scientific issues related to Council agenda items.

The Budget Committee will convene on April 8 at 2 p.m. to review the fiscal year 1996 budget situation.

The Groundfish Management Team will convene on April 8, at 11 a.m. and on April 9 at 8 a.m. in conjunction with the Groundfish Advisory Panel and the SSC. The Groundfish Management Team will meet as necessary after the joint session ends on April 9 and as necessary on April 10 and April 11.

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will convene on April 8, at 1 p.m. and on April 9 at 8 a.m. in conjunction with the Groundfish Management Team and the SSC. The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel will continue to meet after the joint session on April 9 and as necessary on April 10 and April 11.

The Legislative Committee will meet on April 8, at 4 p.m. to consider amendments to the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The Enforcement Consultants will meet on April 9 at 7 p.m. to address enforcement issues related to Council agenda items.

Detailed agendas for the above advisory meetings will be available after March 28, 1996.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric W. Greene at (503) 326–6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 20, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

[FR Doc. 96–7284 Filed 3–25–96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510–22–F

[I.D. 031996C]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold its 62nd meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 10–12, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Executive Center, 1088 Bishop St., Room 4003, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 539–3000.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Pelagic fishery issues, including:
(a) An update on the Pelagic Fisheries Research Program,
(b) Longline observer program: Sampling design and 1-year data,
(c) 1995 draft annual report,
(d) Longline bycatch issues,
(e) Swordfish research plans, and
(f) Program planning;
2. Hawaii bottomfish issues, including:
(a) Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources progress with a management plan for Main Hawaiian Islands Onaga and Ehu,
(b) Reconsideration of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands management system,
(c) 1995 draft annual report, and
(d) Program planning;
3. Lobster management, including:
(a) Status of the stocks,
(b) Status of Amendment 9,
(c) NMFS lobster research plan,
(d) Vessel Monitoring System,
(e) 1996 lobster fishing quota,
(f) Request for experimental fishing permit for Kona crab, and
(g) Program planning;
4. Plan for regional assessment of coral reef resources; and
5. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808–522–8220 (voice) or 808–522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: March 20, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

[FR Doc. 96–7285 Filed 3–25–96; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510–22–F

Patent and Trademark Office

Patent Processing; Updating

ACTION: Proposed collection; correction.

In notice document 96–4906 beginning on page 8261, in the issue of Monday, March 4, 1996, make the following corrections:

On page 8262, the table should read as follows: