

stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

#### Tentative Meeting Schedule

The schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 1999 follows. Specific locations and times will be published in the **Federal Register**.

*February 19, 1999:* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.

*April 9, 1999:* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.

*April 30 to May 3, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Scientific Committee Working Groups.

*May 3 to 15, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Scientific Committee.

*May 17 to 19, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Whale Killing Methods Workshop.

*May 19 to 21, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC Commission Committee, Sub-committees and Working Groups.

*May 24 to 28, 1999 (Grenada):* IWC 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

Department of Commerce meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Catherine Corson at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 5, 1998.

#### Patricia Montanio,

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110398A]

#### New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Whiting Oversight Committee on

Monday, November 30, 1998 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 30, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the specific time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Portsmouth, NH. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the specific location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Meeting Date and Agenda

*Monday, November 30, 1998, 10:00 a.m.*—Whiting Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-6774; fax: (603) 431-5553.

Review rationale for final management measures for Amendment 12 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (to manage silver hake, offshore hake, and red hake); review text of draft regulations for Amendment 12; discuss and resolve outstanding issues identified by NMFS relevant to achieving the objectives of the management plan and fulfilling the requirements of the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

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

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 4, 1998.

#### 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. 110498D]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a plan team meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Plan Team for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan will meet in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 30–December 1, 1998, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 30.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 229, Old Federal Building, 605 W. 4th 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:** David Witherell, telephone: 907-271-2809.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The agenda for the meeting will include the following:

1. Review of comments received from the Scientific and Statistical Committee on the Crab Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report.
2. Review length-based analysis model for Bristol Bay red king crab.
3. Review progress on Bering Sea C. bairdi crab rebuilding plan.
4. Review opilio crab bycatch limits in the scallop fishery.

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

#### 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.