

Ocean Recreation, Tourism, and Whale Watching. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

**DATES:** Applications are due by June 30, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Kellie Araki at 6700 Kalaniana'ole Hwy., Suite 104, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kellie Araki at (808) 397-2651, or [kellie.araki@noaa.gov](mailto:kellie.araki@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The HIHWNMS Council was originally established in March 1996 (the current Council was selected in July 1998) and has a broad representation consisting of 25 members. The Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the state and federal management agencies, Native Hawaiians, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the humpback whale and its habitat.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager and is instrumental in helping produce annual operating plans and reports by identifying education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection and revenue enhancement priorities. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program within the context of Hawaii's marine programs and policies.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 et seq.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (PFMC) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, June 19, 2000 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 20 through Thursday, June 22 at 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at NMFS Northwest Regional Office, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA; telephone: (206) 526-6120.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator, (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the GMT meeting is to prepare reports and technical advice for the upcoming PFMC meeting and in support of PFMC decisions. The GMT will discuss, receive reports, and/or prepare reports on the following topics during this working session, (1) GMT organization and work plan for 2000; (2) draft groundfish strategic plan; (3) rockfish bycatch rates and related issues; (4) observer program issues; (5) sustainable groundfish harvest rates; (6) plan amendment for bycatch and other issues; (7) capacity reduction and permit issues; (8) rebuilding plans for canary and cowcod rockfish, and other species as necessary; (9) inseason catch monitoring, projections, and management; and (10) stock assessment priorities and biological sampling.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the GMT 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 notice any 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 action 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 Dr. Don McIsaac at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 24, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052400D]

#### South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Scientific and Statistical, Spiny Lobster, Advisory Panel Selection (closed), Shrimp, Snapper Grouper, Personnel (closed) and Marine Reserves Committees. The Council will also hold joint meetings of its Mackerel and Golden Crab Advisory Panels and Committees. Public Hearings will be held for Golden Crab Amendment 3 and on the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Notices of these hearings with times, locations, and subject matter are addressed in separate **Federal Register** notices. A public scoping meeting on the use of tailing permits in the spiny lobster fishery will be held to determine if these permits should remain in use in the fishery. Public comment periods will be held on proposed framework actions for mackerel and the need for an Interim Rule Request for Snapper Grouper Amendment 12. There will also be a Council Session.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held from June 12-16, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Cheeca Lodge, Mile Marker 82, U.S.