

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

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: December 18, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121500B]

#### North Pacific Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) will conduct public meetings on protection of deep sea corals off coastal Alaska.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are January 10, 2001, 7 p.m., Sitka, AK, and January 12, 2001, 12 noon, Yakutat, AK.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting locations are: Sitka, AK-Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association Office, 1308 Sawmill Creek Road, Sitka, AK.

Yakutat, AK-Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall, 220 Max Italio, Yakutat, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathy Coon, NPFMC, telephone (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These stakeholder meetings will address Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) for the protection of deep-sea corals off coastal Alaska. The concept is to develop a comprehensive and iterative approach for future HAPC identification and habitat protection involving researchers, stakeholders, and management agencies. These meetings

are for an informal exchange of information between the public and management agencies.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may come before this Council for discussion, these 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

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

Dated: December 15, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of request to modify permit 1093 for scientific research.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following action regarding permits for takes of endangered or threatened species for the purposes of scientific research: the NMFS has received an application for modification of existing permit 1093, in due form, from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), California Cooperative Fishery Research Unit in Arcata, CA.

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on January 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on any of the new applications or modification

requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6053).

Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Logan, Protected Resources Division, Santa Rosa, CA (ph: 707-575-6053, fax: 707-578-3435, e-mail: Dan.Logan@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

#### Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

##### Fish

Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*): threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts.