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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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a pre-assessment workshop to review proposed data and modeling approaches for *groundfish* stock assessments scheduled for assessment this year. The pre-assessment workshop is open to the public. The workshop will also be streamed online via Webinar to facilitate remote participation.

**DATES:** The pre-assessment workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 1 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., or when business for the day has been completed. The workshop will reconvene on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 beginning at 8:30am and end on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The pre-assessment workshop will be held in the large conference room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: 503-820-2280. Public listening stations will be available at the Pacific Council office, as well as the following locations:

National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Room 188,  
110 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: 831-420-3947.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Main Conference Room, 2040 SE Marine  
Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365; telephone: 541-867-4741.

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[kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him, at 503-820-2280, extension 411 for technical  
assistance.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest  
Fisheries Science Center; telephone: 541-867-0535; or Mr. John DeVore, Staff Officer,  
Pacific Council; telephone: 503-820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The purpose of the pre-assessment workshop is to review proposed data inputs,  
modeling approaches, and any other pertinent information for new benchmark stock

assessments for *lingcod*, *yelloweye rockfish*, *yellowtail rockfish*, and *blue/deacon rockfishes*. There may be limited discussion of assessments for Pacific *ocean perch* and California *scorpionfish*, which are scheduled benchmark assessments this year; however, these stock assessments will not be the focus of the workshop. The goal of the pre-assessment workshop is to promote dialogue about and a common understanding between assessment teams and data providers of the best data and analytical and modeling approaches for use in conducting the benchmark *groundfish* assessments scheduled for 2017. No management actions will be decided by the workshop participants.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the workshop agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this workshop. 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 intent of the workshop participants to take final action to address the emergency.

Visitors who are foreign nationals (defined as a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States) will require additional security clearance to access the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science center facility. Foreign national visitors should contact Ms. Stacey Miller, at 541-867-0535 at least two weeks prior to the meeting date to initiate the security clearance process.

## **Technical Information and System Requirements**

PC-based attendees: Windows® 7, Vista, or XP operating system required.  
Mac®-based attendees: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer required. Mobile attendees: iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet required (use GoToMeeting Webinar Apps).

## **Special Accommodations**

The workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, at 503-820-2280, (see **ADDRESSES**) at least ten business days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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