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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council will host a meeting of the Council Coordination Committee (CCC), consisting of the Regional Fishery Management Council chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors on May 22 through May 24, 2018.

**DATES:** The CCC will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, recess at 4:30 p.m.; and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, recess at 4:30 p.m.; and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018 and adjourn at 5 p.m. or when business is complete. The Council Communications Group (CCG) will meet Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., recess at 5 p.m.; and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, adjourn at 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK; Westmark Hotel, 330 Seward Street, Sitka, AK.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Witherell, at (907) 271-2809.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Agenda**

*Tuesday, May 22, 2018 through Thursday, May 24, 2018*

CCC Session: The agenda for the CCC's plenary session will include the following issues.

- 1) Budget Update
- 2) National Bycatch Reduction Policy
- 3) Electronic Monitoring Policy Directive
- 4) Data Modernization
- 5) Development of Electronic Monitoring in the North Pacific
- 6) Legislative Update
- 7) Recusal Policy
- 8) Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Regional Implementation Plans
- 9) Exempted Fishing Permits
- 10) Best Scientific Information Available
- 11) NMFS Policy Directive
- 12) Allocation Reviews
- 13) Research Priorities
- 14) Aquaculture
- 15) International Affairs/Seafood Inspection
- 16) Regulatory Reform
- 17) Recreational Fisheries Overview
- 18) Citizen Science

- 19) NEFMC Program Review
- 20) NOAA Fisheries Website Transition
- 21) CCC Workgroup Reports (communications group, habitat committee, scientific coordination subcommittee)
- 22) CCC Terms of Reference
- 23) Other Business

The CCG agenda will include the following issues:

- 1) Communication and technology tools and procedures
- 2) Promoting the regional Council system
- 3) Communicating effectively using social media
- 4) Public comment/input outside of Council meetings/public hearings
- 5) Working effectively with the news media
- 6) Regional and national communications coordination between councils and NOAA
- 7) Council and advisory body meeting communication protocols
- 8) Education programs and training of Council/staff
- 9) Publications and outreach
- 10) Wrap up: path forward

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at

<http://www.npfmc.org/>

### **Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically to Diana Evans, Council staff: [diana.evans@noaa.gov](mailto:diana.evans@noaa.gov) or through the mail:

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99501-2252.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 27, 2018.

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