

Territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval. The Findings Document was prepared by NOAA and EPA to provide the rationale for the agencies' decision to approve each State and Territory coastal nonpoint pollution control program. NOAA and EPA have proposed to approve, with conditions, the coastal nonpoint pollution control program submitted by Texas.

On September 28, 2001, the first **Federal Register** notice of NOAA's and EPA's intent to conditionally approve the Texas Coastal Nonpoint Program and the availability of the Proposed Findings Document, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact was published. Subsequent to the notice being published, Texas requested additional time to provide additional information and address some of the conditions before the findings were finalized. Texas was able to meet several of the conditions, and NOAA and EPA have revised the Proposed Findings Document accordingly. The following changes have been made to the Proposed Findings Document: (1) the enforceable policy element of the conditions for agriculture, forestry, urban (new development, site development, existing development, watershed protection, and roads, highways and bridges), marinas, and hydromodification has been met through the State's submission of a revised legal opinion. (2) The condition for the urban construction site chemical control, roads, highways and bridges (construction projects and construction site chemical control), and hydromodification (dams) erosion and sediment control and chemical and pollutant control management measures have been addressed through issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit. (3) NOAA and EPA have reinstated the previously excluded agricultural dryland rowcrop area subject to receiving additional information to support its exclusion. (4) An alternative for addressing the urban new and existing development management measures condition has been proposed that would allow Texas to finalize its State NPDES rules to ensure that they are required throughout the 6217 management area. (5) The findings for the roads, highways and bridges management measures (planning, siting, development, operation and maintenance, and runoff

systems management measures) were revised to clarify that the condition applies only to roads, highways and bridges that are not under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Transportation.

Copies of the revised Proposed Findings Document may be found on the NOAA Web site at <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/czm/6217/> or may be obtained upon request from: Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150 e-mail [helen.farr@noaa.gov](mailto:helen.farr@noaa.gov).

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the proposed Findings Document should do so by May 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be made to: John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x188, e-mail [john.king@noaa.gov](mailto:john.king@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150, e-mail [helen.farr@noaa.gov](mailto:helen.farr@noaa.gov). (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

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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 Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel for bocaccio and black rockfish will hold a work session which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The bocaccio and black rockfish STAR Panel will meet beginning at 10 a.m., April 21, 2003. The meeting will continue on April 22, 2003 beginning at 8 a.m. through April 25, 2003. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

**ADDRESSES:** The bocaccio and black rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held at NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory Conference Room, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: 831-420-3900.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Staff Officer; 503-820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a STAR Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

Entry to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center requires identification with photograph (such as a student ID, state drivers license, etc.).

Although nonemergency issues not contained in STAR Panel agendas may come before the STAR panel for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. STAR Panel 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 panel's intent 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.