

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 050603C]****New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee in May, 2003. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Peabody, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will have a discussion of the results of the recent habitat research scoping meetings and development of habitat priorities for inclusion in a NOAA Fisheries Request for Proposals (RFP). They will further refine the RFP review and evaluation process, including project evaluation criteria. Also on the agenda will be discussion of the status of the Committee's process to incorporate the results of cooperative research into the management arena.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group 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 and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens 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 dates.

Dated: May 6, 2003.

Peter H. Fricke,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 050603B]****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 cowcod, darkblotched rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The cowcod, darkblotched rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish STAR Panel will meet beginning at 8 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2003. The meeting will continue on Thursday, May 29, 2003 beginning at 8 a.m. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The cowcod, darkblotched rockfish, and yellowtail rockfish STAR Panel meeting will be held at NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Room 370W, 2725 Montlake Blvd. E, Seattle, WA 98112; telephone: 206-860-3200.

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

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

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

Entry to the Northwest Fisheries Science Center requires identification with photograph (such as a student ID, state drivers license, etc.). A security guard will review the identification and issue a Visitor's Badge valid only for the date of the meeting.

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.

Dated: May 6, 2003.

Peter H. Fricke,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 042303B]****Marine Mammals; File No. 1045-1713**

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Stephen J. Insley, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham St., San Diego, California 92109, has applied in due form for a permit to take northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 11, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.