

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council; March 9–14, 2003, Council Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings and hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings and a hearing on management issues regarding its fisheries.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 9 to 14, 2003, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** under Schedule of Ancillary Meetings. The Council will meet on March 11 to 14, from 8 a.m. till the scheduled business is completed. All meetings are open to the public, except that a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on March 11.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings and the hearing will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California 95815; telephone: (916) 922–8041.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820–2280 or (866) 806–7204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Call to Order
  - 1. Opening Remarks, Introductions,
  - 2. Roll Call
  - 3. Executive Director's Report
  - 4. Approve Agenda
  - 5. Approve June, September and November 2002 Meeting Minutes
- B. Salmon Management
  - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
  - 2. Final Scientific and Statistical Committee Methodology Review Recommendations on the Chinook and Coho Fishery Regulation and Assessment Models (FRAM) for 2003 Salmon Management
  - 3. Review of 2002 Fisheries and Summary of 2003 Stock Abundance Estimates
  - 4. Inseason Management Recommendations for Openings Prior to May 1 North of Cape Falcon

- 5. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2003 Salmon Management Options
- 6. Status of Model Evaluation Workgroup
- 7. Status of Marking Programs for Selective Fisheries
- 8. Conservation Objectives for Central Valley Winter and Spring Chinook
- 9. Council Recommendations for 2003 Management Option Analysis
- 10. Council Direction for 2003 Management Options (if Necessary)
- 11. Salmon Hearings Officers
- 12. Adoption of 2003 Management Options for Public Review
- C. Habitat Issues: Essential Fish Habitat Issues
  - D. Marine Reserves
    - 1. Considerations for Integrating Marine Reserves with Effective Fishery Management
    - 2. Update on Marine Reserves Activities
    - 3. Planning for Federal Waters Portion of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
  - E. Groundfish Management: National Marine Fisheries Service Report
  - F. Pacific Halibut Management
    - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
    - 2. Report on International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting
    - 3. Public Review Options for the 2003 Incidental Catch Regulations in the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries
    - G. Highly Migratory Species Management
      - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
      - 2. Status of the Pacific Council Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan
    - H. Administrative and Other Matters
      - 1. Improvements in Meeting National Environmental Policy Act Requirements for Council Action
      - 2. Planning Session on Improving Council Meeting Efficiency
      - 3. Legislative Matters
      - 4. Appointments to Advisory Bodies, Standing Committees, and Other Forums
      - 5. Financial Matters
    - 6. Council Staff Work Load Priorities and Results of Strategic Goals Workshop
    - 7. April 2003 Council Meeting Agenda
    - I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
      - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
      - 2. Draft Regulatory Amendment and Analysis for Changes to Sardine Allocation
      - 3. Update on Sardine Stock Assessment Review Process

**SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS***SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2003*

Scientific and Statistical Committee  
Groundfish and Economic  
Subcommittees

1 p.m.  
Sierra B Room

Klamath Fishery Management Council

2 p.m.  
Sierra A Room

*MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003*

Council Secretariat

8 a.m.  
California Room

Scientific and Statistical Committee

8 a.m.  
Sierra B Room

Salmon Advisory Subpanel

8 a.m.  
Comstock 2 Room

Salmon Technical Team

8 a.m.  
Comstock 3 Room

Habitat Committee

10 a.m.  
Klamath Room

Legislative Committee

10 a.m.  
Tahoe Room 514

Budget Committee

1 p.m.  
Tahoe Room 514

Washington State Delegation

As necessary  
Comstock 1 Room

Klamath Fishery Management Council

As necessary  
Sierra A Room

Tribal Policy Group

As necessary  
Almanor Room 303

Tribal Washington Technical Groups

As necessary  
Shasta Room 305

*TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003*

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.  
California Room

California State Delegation

7 a.m.  
Tahoe Room 514

Oregon State Delegation

7 a.m.