

- a. Review alternatives and findings
- b. Comments on DEIS
- c. Discussion and recommendations
- 2. Status of Biological Opinion;
- 3. Monk Seals;
 - a. Status of Litigation
 - b. Recommendations from the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Team
- c. Proposed methods to avoid interactions with Hawaiian Monk Seals
- d. Discussion and recommendations
- 4. Observer Program
 - a. NMFS plan for observer coverage
 - b. Council recommendation regarding observers from 108th meeting
 - c. New technology options to monitor bottomfish vessels and policy needs
 - d. Discussion and recommendations
- 5. Research priorities for Western Pacific Region bottomfish fisheries; and
 - a. Bottomfish research needs
 - i. American Samoa
 - ii. Guam
 - iii. Hawaii
 - iv. CNMI
 - b. Prioritize research needs and recommendations
- 6. Other Business.

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The Hawaii AP and BPT will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team (CREPT), in Honolulu, HI.

DATES: The meeting of the CREPT will be held on April 11-12, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: 808-522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 11-12, 2001, the CREPT will continue its discussion of comments received during the public comment period on the draft Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (CREFMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and make recommendations to the Council. Copies of the draft CREFMP/DEIS are available from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council office.

The agenda for the CREPT meeting will include the items listed below (the order in which items are addressed may change):

Wednesday, April 11, 2001

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Discussion of public comments on draft CREFMP/DEIS
 - A. Marine Protected Areas
 - (1) Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)
 - (2) Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI)
 - (3) Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)
 - (4) Guam
 - (5) Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands (CNMI)
 - (6) American Samoa
 - B. Permits and Reporting
 - (1) General permit
 - (2) Special permit
 - (3) Prohibited Management Unit Species (MUS) (exemptions)
 - (4) Reporting

C. Fishing Gear and Methods

- (1) Allowable gear list
- (2) Prohibited methods (e.g. scuba-spearfishing)

D. Framework Actions

E. Non-regulatory Actions

F. Research, Monitoring and Assessment

G. Enforcement

H. Overfishing/Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)

I. Essential Fish Habitat/Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (EFH/HAPC)(designation, identifying adverse effects, minimizing adverse fishing effects)

J. Other

Thursday, April 12, 2001

1. Discussion and Recommendations (on above comments)

2. Other business

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