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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council and NMFS intend to prepare a DSEIS in support of a proposed Generic Amendment for Offshore Aquaculture. The DSEIS will evaluate alternatives for regulating aquaculture activities in the Gulf of Mexico, including: (1) Whether to implement a generic amendment for offshore aquaculture, (2) the overall scope of the generic amendment, (3) permit and operational requirements for aquaculture facilities, (4) fishery management plans that would be affected by the amendment, and (5) stocks that would be affected by the amendment. The DSEIS will also evaluate: best management practices for cage and net-pen facilities, scientific information on the culture of marine fish, and the environmental effects of aquaculture. Alternatives currently under consideration are described in detail in "The Scoping Document for a Generic Amendment to Provide for Regulation of Offshore Marine Aquaculture for Selected Fish." The Council is soliciting public comment on the range of alternatives and scope of issues that should be considered in the DSEIS. Persons may request a copy of the scoping document from the Council (see **ADDRESSES** for contact information).

In accordance with NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6, Section 502(c)(4), the Council previously held eight scoping hearings during February and March 2004 (69 FR 7185) to solicit input from interested parties on proposed actions and alternatives identified in the above-mentioned scoping document. The hearings were held in the following locations: Biloxi, MS; Corpus Christi, TX; Galveston, TX; Key West, FL; Larose, LA; Madeira

Beach, FL; Mobile, AL; and Panama City, FL.

Additionally, public comments may be accepted at the following Council meetings and during public hearings that will be announced in future

**Federal Register** notices:

1. September 13-17, 2004, Edgewater Beach Resort, 11212 Front Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32407.

2. November 7-10, 2004, Sheraton, 310 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, TX 78597.

3. January 10-13, 2005, Sheraton, 102 France Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

4. March 7-10, 2005, Wynfrey, 100 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, AL 35244.

The meetings will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Wayne Swingle at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

The completed DSEIS associated with the draft Generic Amendment for Offshore Aquaculture will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), announced in the **Federal Register**, and open to public comment for a 45-day period. This procedure is pursuant to regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (and to NAO 216-6 on complying with NEPA and the CEQ regulations).

The Council will consider public comments received on the DSEIS in developing the final supplemental environmental impact statement (FSEIS), and will consider public comments before taking final action on the Generic Amendment for Offshore Aquaculture. The Council will submit both the final amendment and the supporting FSEIS to NMFS for Secretarial review, approval, and implementation under the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

NMFS will announce, through a notice published in the **Federal Register**, the availability of the final Generic Amendment for Offshore Aquaculture for public review during the Secretarial review period. During Secretarial review, NMFS will also file the FSEIS with the EPA for a final 30-day public comment period. This comment period will be concurrent with the Secretarial review period and will end prior to final agency action to approve, disapprove, or partially approve the final Generic Amendment for Offshore Aquaculture.

NMFS will announce, through a notice published in the **Federal Register**, all public comment periods on

the final Generic Amendment for Offshore Aquaculture, any proposed implementing regulations, and its associated FSEIS. NMFS will consider all public comments received during the Secretarial review period, whether they are on the final Amendment, any proposed regulations, or the FSEIS, prior to final agency action.

Dated: August 30, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**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 joint public meeting of its Red Crab Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel in September, 2004. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Council Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; telephone: (508) 997-1281.

*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 (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee and panel will review recommendations from the Red Crab Plan Development Team related to the specifications for the 2005 fishing year as well as Draft Framework 1 to the Red Crab Fishery Management Plan.

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: August 27, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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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's (Council) Non-Target Species Committee will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (PST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), 7600 Sand Point Way North East, Building 4, Room 2143, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will review the ad hoc group problem statement and suite of alternatives, review draft committee problem statement and suite of alternatives, receive updates on any potential fishery issues for 2005, receive update on Council request for a discussion paper on alternative management strategies for rockfish.

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#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-2712809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 27, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081804E]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (NPFMC) Crab Plan Team will meet in Juneau, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 20, 2004, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., September 21, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and September 22, 2004 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, Sustainable Fisheries Conference Room, Juneau, AK 99501.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, NPFMC, 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee's agenda includes the following issues: Review and approve agenda, election of officers and any

additional membership issues, prepare Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report, review status of stocks, review results of snow crab stock assessment, review State Guideline Harvest Levels, receive progress report on revising crab overfishing definitions, discuss current and future research issues.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Logistics Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated