



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Public 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 (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 30-31, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve MacLean, NPFMC, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Foreign nationals wishing to attend this meeting in person should contact the Council as soon as possible to expedite security clearance at the AFSC facility. This public meeting will occur during the scoping period for the Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures EIS (77 FR 22750, April 17, 2012). Information on EIS development, potential alternatives, and issues for analysis may be discussed. The public is encouraged to

attend in this meeting, however, comments specific to the EIS should be submitted in writing to NMFS before the close of the scoping period on October 15, 2012. More information on the EIS scoping process and instructions for submitting written public comments are available on the NMFS Alaska Region website at

<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/sslpm/eis/default.htm>.

Additional information is posted on the Council website:

<http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

The meeting will be webcast to allow the public to watch and hear presentations. Comments will not be accepted via webcast or teleconference.

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, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 11, 2012.

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