

J. National Constituent Meetings:

Continuing the Dialogue

K. Management Issues:

1. Marine Protected Areas
 - a. National MPA Federal Advisory Committee and MPA Center Activities
 - b. National Marine Sanctuary Program and Regional Fishery Management Council (RFMC) Mandates
 - c. Regional Councils
2. Ecosystem Based Management
 - a. Science
 - b. Policy
3. National Standard 1
4. Stock Assessments

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L. Management Issues (Continued)

5. Regulatory Streamlining - Multi-year versus Annual Actions, NEPA Umbrella, etc.
6. Essential Fish Habitat
7. Research
8. Fish Consumption and Health Issues
 9. Litigation
 10. Bycatch
 - a. Observer: Implications of National Policy upon Labour Standard Act
 - b. Technology and Gear (including Private Fish Aggregating Devices)
 11. Latent Effort/Overcapacity
 12. International Issues
 13. Protected Resources

M. Summary of Meeting

N. Next Meeting

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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

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Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team (CREPT) and Crustaceans Plan Team (CPT) meetings in Honolulu, HI. **DATES:** The CREPT meeting will be held from April 20 through April 22, 2004. The CPT meeting will be held on April 23, 2004. All meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and are expected to end at 5 p.m. **ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CREPT will meet from April 20-22, 2004, at the Council Office Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

1. Introductions
2. Island Reports
3. Essential Fish Habitat and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
 - a. Refinement of Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Designations
 - b. Review of Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
 - c. EFH Review for Annual Report
4. Report on Coral Reef Fish Stock Assessment Workshop and Review of Recommendations
5. National Ocean Service Northwest Hawaiian Islands (NOS NWHI) Sanctuary Designation Process
6. Archipelagic-based Fishery Ecosystem Plan

Wednesday and Thursday, April 21-22, 2004

7. Status of Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Plan Implementation
8. Development of Annual Reports for Western Pacific Coral Reef Fisheries
 - a. Review of Trophic-level Species Assignment
 - b. Organization of Annual Report

9. Other Business

The CPT will meet April 23, 2004, at the Council Office Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:

Tuesday, April 23, 2004

1. Introductions
2. Review of Last Meeting and Recommendations
3. MultiFAN-CL NWHI Lobster Population Model
 4. 2004 Plans for NWHI Lobster Cruise and Charter
 5. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Lobster Stock Assessment
 6. Crustaceans Annual Report
 7. Crustaceans FMP Compliance Issue
 8. Essential Fish Habitat and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
 9. NOS NWHI Sanctuary Designation Process
 10. Archipelagic-based Fishery Ecosystem Plan
 11. Other Business

The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda.

The CREPT and CPT will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

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