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PUBLIC WORK SESSION/WEBINAR Wednesday, July 29, 2015 9:00 A.M. - - 2:00 P.M.

NMFS announces a public work session for interested stakeholders to provide input relative to managing the impacts to salmon from the groundfish fisheries. The work session will be held as a Webinar on Wednesday July 29, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, or until business for the day has been completed.

How to Participate:

To join the Webinar visit this internet link:

www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar and enter the Webinar ID: 110-773-275.

Your name and email address are required. To join the audio, participants can use their computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP) or use their telephone: Toll: +1 (415) 655-0059; Attendee Access Code: 227-478-994. The Audio Pin will be shown after joining the webinar.

System Requirements for participation: for PC-based attendees the system requires Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; for Mac®-based attendees the system requires Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; for Mobile attendees the system requires iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet.

Background Documents:

The Webinar will be based on documents that are available online in the Council's June 2015 briefing book under agenda item D.3. The relevant briefing book materials include:

- NMFS report 1 on to salmon bycatch in the groundfish fishery;
- NMFS report 2, the 2006 supplemental biological opinion; and
- NMFS supplemental PowerPoint presentation.

The Council's June 2015 briefing book is available on line at

www.pcouncil.org/resources/archives/briefing-books/june-2015-briefing-book/#gfJun2015.

A video presentation will be available online at:

http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/groundfish/salmon_bycatch_goundfish_fisheries.html.

Interested persons are welcome to watch the online video presentation and submit written comments by email to: GroundfishBO2015.wcr@noaa.gov by noon, Pacific Daylight Time, August 7, 2015.

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Background Information:

NMFS has reinitiated consultation under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on the effects to listed Pacific salmon species from implementation of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. NMFS is seeking information on the amount and distribution of salmon bycatch, salmon bycatch management in the different sectors of the groundfish fishery, and whether stakeholders anticipate changes in fishing strategies or target species over the next few years that could alter the amount and distribution of salmon bycatch. NMFS and the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will consider the information discussed at the work session in developing and evaluating the proposed action for the ESA consultation.

Written comments will also be accepted via email. NMFS will be preparing a work session report to the Council for their meeting on September 9-16 in Sacramento, California. Therefore, any written comments to be considered in the report must be emailed to: GroundfishBO2015.wcr@noaa.gov, no later than noon, Pacific Daylight Time, August 7, 2015.