

fish a maximum of thirty-two 50-fathom (91.44-m) gillnets in strings made up of 4 nets each. Two of the nets in each four-net string would be standard 6.5-inch (16.51-cm) mesh and two would be 6.0-inch (15.24-cm) mesh. One net of each mesh size (6.5-inch [16.51-cm] and 6.0-inch [15.24-cm]) in each string would be rigged with a 30-inch (76.2-cm) raised webbing section along the bottom. Two to three hauls of the nets are expected during each day at sea with an average soak time of 6 hours for each set.

A CFF researcher or technician would accompany all trips that occur under this EFP to identify all fish caught, as well as measure and weigh catch. Undersized fish would be discarded as quickly as possible after sampling. All Northeast multispecies of legal size would be landed, and all catch and estimated discards would be attributed to the vessel's sector annual catch entitlement, consistent with standard catch accounting procedures.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Island Fisheries; Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) of a 2017 Benchmark Stock Assessment for the Main Hawaiian

Islands (MHI) Deep 7 Bottomfish Complex.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting dates and times and daily agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NMFS Honolulu Service Center at Pier 38, 1129 N. Nimitz Hwy., Suite 220, Honolulu, HI 96817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Seki, Director—Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, telephone: (808) 725-5360, or [michael.seki@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.seki@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Scientists from the NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) conducted a benchmark stock assessment of the MHI Deep 7 bottomfish complex. This benchmark assessment incorporated new data in the form of fishery-independent biomass estimates, and also followed data filtering recommendations from a series of five community workshops that involved fishermen, managers, and scientists on best practices for filtering bottomfish commercial catch and effort data from State of Hawaii commercial catch reports. Because of these workshops, PIFSC scientists are now able to better link individual fishermen's catch reports further back in time, and this linking is newly applied in this benchmark stock assessment.

This assessment used commercial data for the years 1948–2015, and assessed Deep 7 bottomfish by building on the modeling framework from the previous three assessments, but with improved data and data filtering as previously described, along with improvements to catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) standardization, and other modeling approaches. The assessment also estimates unreported catches using catch and effort data following methods similar to those applied in previous assessments. After applying best practices from the workshop recommendations for filtering for CPUE calculation, PIFSC scientists applied model selection techniques to select the best structural form to standardize CPUE. CPUE in the model was split into two time series, fishing years 1948–2003, and fishing years 2003–2015 to accommodate new effort reporting from a change in reporting form by the State in October 2002.

#### Meeting Agenda for WPSAR Review

The meeting schedule and agenda are as follows (8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. every day):

*Monday, November 13, 2017*

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Background information—Objectives and Terms of Reference
3. Fishery
  - a. Operation
  - b. Management
4. History of stock assessments and reviews
5. Data
  - a. State of Hawaii Fisher and Dealer Reporting Systems
  - b. Life history information
  - c. Fishery-independent survey

*Tuesday, November 14, 2017*

6. Presentation and review of stock assessment

*Wednesday, November 15, 2017*

7. Continue review of stock assessment

*Thursday, November 16, 2017*

8. Continue review of stock assessment
9. Public comment period
10. Panel discussions (Closed to the public)

*Friday, November 17, 2017*

11. Continue panel discussions (Closed; morning)
12. Present results (afternoon)
13. Adjourn

The agenda order may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Michael Seki, Director—Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, (808) 725-5360 (phone) (808) 725-5360 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action deletes products and service from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

**DATES:** Date deleted from the Procurement List: 11/26/2017.