

Fishery council to meet Jan. 4-5

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Plan Amendment Advisory Group has scheduled a meeting to be held Jan. 4-5 to review groundfish amendment proposals for both the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish Fishery Management Plans.

The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2079, Building 4, at the Northwest & Alaska Fisheries Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., in Seattle.

Following the meeting, the group's recommendations and those of the groundfish plan teams will be forwarded to the council for review and action at their Jan. 20-22 meeting in Anchorage.

Interested persons are invited to appear at the meeting and/or to provide written comments on alternative levels to which the optimum yield range may be increased; associated impacts that may be triggered by raising the optimum yield range; direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of various alternatives.

Written comments are invited until mid-January. They should be addressed to: Robert W. McVey, Director; National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region; Box 1668; Juneau 99802.

Those who want more information may contact the council office at Box 103136, Anchorage 99510; 274-4563.