DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Regional Fishery Management Council

U.S.C. Management Act (Magnuson Act; 16

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box

Environmental Assessment, and the

99802-1168. Copies of amendment 4, the

Region, National Marine Fisheries

to submit fishery management plan

Fisheries Service, Alaska Region,

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aven M. Anderson, National Marine

Secretary, upon receiving the FMP

immediately publish a notice that the amendment is available

for public review and comment. The

Secretary will consider the public

comments in determining whether to

approve, disapprove, or partially

disapprove the amendment.

The Magnuson Act establishes seven

national standards for fishery

conservation and management which

fishery management plans and plan

amendments must meet to be approved

and implemented; the Magnuson Act

also requires the Secretary to publish

guidelines for the Councils to use in

conforming to these national standards.

The guidelines (50 CFR part 602) were

revised in 1989 (54 FR 30711 et seq.)
to require that the Councils amend their

fishery management plans to include

definitions of overfishing for the

fisheries involved. Specifically, the

NOAA guidelines require that each FMP

must specify, to the maximum extent

possible, an objective and measurable

definition of overfishing for each stock

or stock complex covered by an FMP

and provide an analysis of how the

definition was determined and how it

relates to reproductive potential.

Amendment 4 is intended to address

these requirements.

In developing Amendment 4, the

Council examined three alternatives

regarding the definition requirement for

salmon stocks occurring the EEZ off

Alaska: (1) The status quo (i.e., no

definition of overfishing), (2) a definition

based upon goals and management

objectives set by the Pacific Salmon

Commission and the Alaska Board of

Fisheries, and (3) a definition

incorporating the fishery management

policies and definitions of overfishing

adopted by the Pacific Salmon

Commission and the Alaska Board of

Fisheries. The Council adopted the third

alternative as its preferred definition of

overfishing. The specific management

policies and definitions of overfishing

promulgated by the Alaska Board of

Fisheries and the Pacific Salmon

Commission are set forth in Amendment

4.

No Federal regulatory action is

necessary to implement Amendment 4.

The Council has determined that the

proposed amendment is consistent to

the maximum extent practicable with

the coastal zone programs of the

governments in the Council's region. The

amendment incorporates an

Environmental Assessment, which is

available upon request (see Addresses).

Neither a Regulatory Impact Analysis

nor a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

was prepared since Amendment 4 will

not require rulemaking. There will be no

impact on marine mammals or

deranged species. No information

collection burdens are imposed. If

actions are taken subsequently to

implement new conservation and

management measures to prevent

overfishing, the appropriate analyses

determinations will be made at that
time.

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


Joe P. Clem,

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Conservation Management, National Marine

Fisheries Service.

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Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries

Service [NMFS], NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of

amendment to a fishery management

plan, and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA issues this notice that

the Pacific Fishery Management Council

(Council) has submitted Amendment 5 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery

Management Plan (FMP) for review by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary),

and is requesting comments from the public.

DATE: Comments will be accepted until


ADDRESS: Send comments to Rolland

A. Schmitten, Director, Northwest

Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way

NE, Bldg C15700, Seattle, Washington

98115-0070; or E. Charles Fullerton,

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 300

South Ferry Street, Terminal Island,

California 90731-7415. Copies of the

amendment are available from the Pacific Fishery Management Council,

Metro Center, suite 420, 2000 SW First

Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201-5344.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rolland A. Schmitten, 206-526-6140; E.

Charles Fullerton, 213-514-6196; or the

Pacific Fishery Management Council,

503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The

Magnuson Fishery Conservation and

Management Act (Act) requires that a

Regional Fishery Management Council

submit any amendment to a fishery

management plan it has prepared to the

Secretary for review and approval,

disapproval, or partial disapproval. The

Act also requires that upon receipt of