NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will be holding a public meeting in Silver Spring, Maryland on May 9, 2001, to provide information and solicit comments on the Alaska Groundfish Fisheries Draft Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish fishery management plans.

The public meeting will begin with an “open house” and staff briefing on the SEIS from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. followed by a formal public hearing from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. During the public hearing portion of the meeting, individuals will be heard one at a time and their comments will be recorded and incorporated into the body of comments that will be considered when preparing the Final SEIS.

This public meeting will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service Headquarters, 1315 East West Highway, SSMC III, Room 4527, Silver Spring, MD.

COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED TO JULY 25, 2001

In addition, NMFS announces an extension of the public comment period to July 25, 2001. Written comments can be submitted to:

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