

## Pacific Council Comments on Final Meeting with Presidential Task Force on IUU Fishing and Seafood Fraud

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In response to an email from Ms. Laurel Bryant on behalf of NOAA Fisheries dated August 25, 2014 regarding notice of final scheduled public meetings on the Presidential Task Force on IUU fishing and seafood fraud (see email below), Council staff submitted an electronic comment. The submitted comment is as follows:

To whom it may concern:

The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is deeply concerned about illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. At the conclusion of our June 2014 Council meeting, the issue was placed on the agenda of the Council's September 12-17 meeting in Spokane, Washington. However, the short comment period, announced after the Council had already placed the issue on the September agenda, pre-empts the opportunity for the Council to provide meaningful, consensus comments.

We request an extension of the deadline to September 19, 2014, thereby allowing the Council to further consider the issue of IUU fishing and to develop comments. Please notify us by September 11 if the deadline will be extended.

In closing, we thank you for focusing on this extremely important issue, and we look forward to future involvement. This important issue will require a dedicated, ongoing effort, and we hope there will be future opportunities for engagement by the Council. Thank you for considering these comments submitted on behalf of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Jennifer Gilden, at 503-820-2280.

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From: **NOAA Fisheries** <[laurel.bryant@noaa.gov](mailto:laurel.bryant@noaa.gov)>

Date: Mon, Aug 25, 2014 at 2:33 PM

Subject: Reminder - Final Meetings with Presidential Task Force on IUU Fishing and Seafood Fraud To: [donald.mcisaac@noaa.gov](mailto:donald.mcisaac@noaa.gov)



**August 25, 2014**

**Reminder - Final Public meetings with Task Force This Week**

Dear Donald,

Just a reminder this week are the final two public listening sessions scheduled with members of the Task Force, beginning with a webinar/conference call on Wednesday, August 27, 3-5pm EDT, and concluding with an in- person meeting on Thursday, August 28, 1-3pm EDT in Washington, D.C. Details are below.

**Webinar/conference call:** When you call in, you will give your name and affiliation. When we open the meeting, you will be given instruction on how to get into the cue for making comments [press \*1]. Based on the number of individuals in the cue, we will divide the time. The conference call will be recorded and transcribed as part of the record keeping process. If you have trouble accessing the webinar portion, I've attached the [pdf](#) of the power point which is also posted [online](#).

**In-person meeting:** When you arrive at the meeting, you will sign-in and, if you intend to make comments, you will fill out an index card with your name and affiliation. We will divide the time based on the number of cards. All comments will be recorded and transcribed. NOTE: Although we have an RSVP option on-line it is not mandatory that you RSVP. This is merely a means for us to gauge the level of participation in terms of meeting space accommodations.

**On-line public comment:** Regardless of whether or not you participate in one of the public sessions, we hope you will take the opportunity to send us your comments on-line through the [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov). We have all information related to this initiative posted [here](#). All comments must be received by September 2, 2014

**Wednesday, August 27, 3-5 pm EDT**

Dial-In: [888-324-0793](tel:888-324-0793) or for International [1-312-470-7121](tel:1-312-470-7121)

Passcode: IUUFishing

MyMeetings Webinar: PW8081346, [click here](#)

**Thursday, August 28, 1-3 pm EDT** Washington

Court Hotel on Capitol Hill, Springwood Room 525 New  
Jersey Avenue NW, Washington DC  
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We look forward to your participation.

Warm Regards,

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