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PUBLIC HEARINGS ANNOUNCED

The month of November will be a busy month for public hearings, with Council members, staff, AP and SSC traveling both to Southeast Alaska for troll salmon hearings and to the Southwest and Bering Sea area for hearings on the herring management plan.

The hearing schedule starts Saturday, Nov. 10 in Bethel and concludes Sunday, Nov. 18 in Pelican. The full schedule is:

HERRING FMP PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bethel	KVNA Bldg.	Saturday, Nov. 10	10 a.m.
Tooksook Bay	City Hall	Saturday, Nov. 10	10 a.m.
Hooper Bay	City Hall	Saturday, Nov. 10	10 a.m.
Nome	School	Monday, Nov. 12	7 p.m.
Kotzebue	Council	Tuesday, Nov. 13	10 a.m.
Unalakleet	High School	Tuesday, Nov. 13	10 a.m.
Dillingham	Court Bldg.	Friday, Nov. 16	7 p.m.
Togiak	City Hall	Saturday, Nov. 17	10 a.m.

(Separate hearing groups will attend meetings in different places when there is more than one meeting scheduled in any one day.)

TROLL SALMON PUBLIC HEARINGS

Sitka	Centennial Bldg.	Tuesday, Nov. 13	8-11 p.m.
Petersburg	City Council Hall	Wednesday, Nov. 14	8-11 p.m.
Juneau	Gold Room	Thursday, Nov. 15	8-11 p.m.
Ketchikan	ADF&G Aud.	Friday, Nov. 16	8-11 p.m.
Pelican	School	Sunday, Nov. 18	afternoon (tentative)

The herring FMP concerns both the foreign and domestic harvest of herring offshore and the method of calculating and allocating the harvest.

The Council proposes to amend its troll salmon FMP to include the prohibition of hand trolling in the 3-200-mile Fishery Conservation Zone and will extend or modify the power troll limited entry program. In addition, certain proposals made to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for

its consideration in December will be considered by the Council for application in the offshore troll fishery management plan. Those include a four-line limit, filleting of salmon at sea, possession of coho in a closed area and other proposals designed to enhance the management of salmon stocks off the coast of Southeast Alaska.

Comments on either of the plans may be made at the hearings or by mailing them to the Council office.

One feature of the salmon troll hearings is that each hearing has been coordinated with the local Fish and Game Advisory Committee, and the hearing will be a part of the local group's meeting. The full Council will also meet in December with the Board of Fisheries during its annual meeting in Anchorage. Both the herring and salmon FMPs are of great interest to fishermen who fish both in State and Federal waters.

All Council meetings, meetings of the Board of Fisheries and the public hearings are open to the public.

DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE NPFMC WILL BE HELD IN ANCHORAGE ON THE 12-13-14; the meeting on the 13th will be the joint Council/Board of Fisheries meeting.

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