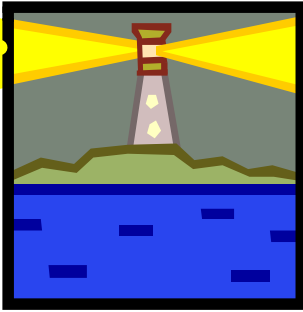


ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGISTRATION



Conference on Marine Aquaculture: Effects on the West Coast and Alaska Fishing Industry

November 17-19, 2003

**Bell Harbor International Conference Center
2211 Alaskan Way
Seattle, Washington**

Recent restrictions in West Coast and Commercial ground fisheries will continue the recent trend of reduced landings. Meanwhile the aquaculture industry continues to capture a larger domestic seafood market share. According to the US Department of Agriculture, the percentage of total U.S. seafood consumption coming from aquaculture has continued to rise over the last several years, but the bulk of the increase has come from higher imports of farm-raised products. Besides Atlantic salmon, other species being cultured include: Atlantic halibut, Atlantic cod, cobia, red drum, and Pacific threadfin. Also, commercially important fishes to the West Coast and Alaska such as sablefish (black cod) and Pacific halibut are being considered as potential aquaculture species.

Federal and state efforts are also underway to promote marine aquaculture. One of the goals in NOAA's "Strategic Plan for FY 2003 - FY 2008 and Beyond" is "increased ocean fisheries production through environmentally sound aquaculture technology." Also, the National Marine Fisheries Service has developed a draft "Code of Conduct for Responsible Aquaculture in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone." Concerns have also been raised, most notably with the cultivation of Atlantic salmon in British Columbia, about negative impacts from net pen culture including disease transfer, pollution from net pen facilities, and ecological impacts from escaped fish.

With the future of the West Coast and Alaska fishing industry tied to future developments in the aquaculture industry both domestically and globally, the PSMFC will be hosting a 3-day-long conference that will focus on economic and environmental impacts of aquaculture. The conference entitled "Marine Aquaculture: Effects on the West Coast and Alaska Fishing Industry" will take place November 17-19, 2003 at the Bell International Conference Center in Seattle, Washington.

A DRAFT AGENDA is available.



REGISTRATION:

To Register for the Conference on Marine Aquaculture: Effects on the West Coast and Alaska Fishing Industry –

- ◆ Fill out the Registration Form
- ◆ Enclose Registration Fee
- ◆ Mail to: Effects on West Coast & Alaska Fishing Conference
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
45 SE 82nd Drive, Gladstone, OR 97027

Registration Fee: \$25.00

- ◆ Please make your check to “PSMFC 593”
Enclose with Registration Form.
- ◆ Registration fee includes lunch on Tuesday, Nov. 18. 2003.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

A room block has been established for the Conference at:

Seattle Marriott Waterfront
2100 Alaskan Way, Seattle, Washington
Telephone: 206-254-1213 Fax: 206-254-1229
www.gowestmarriott.com/seattlewaterfront

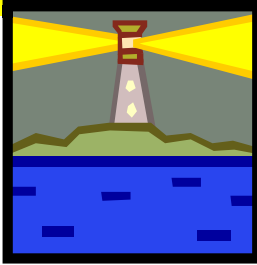
Rate: \$143.00 plus tax

To be guaranteed a hotel room at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront under the room block at the rate of \$143.00 plus tax, make your reservations as soon as possible by calling 1-800-455-8364 and request a reservation under Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission – November 2003.

Once the 40 rooms blocked have all been reserved there is no guarantee of availability, therefore make your reservations immediately. The cut-off for reservations at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront is October 1, 2003.

If you need assistance or have questions, please call Sharon Perkins or Teresa Fairchild at 503-650-5400

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and then:**

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