

proposals but were unsuccessful are encouraged to resubmit their proposals by paper. Paper submissions must be received by 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, September 15, 2008. Please note that for paper submissions the Program requires one original and fifteen (15) copies of the proposal.

The proposal submission deadline applies to any mode of paper proposal delivery, including hand-delivery, courier, and express mailing, but not facsimile. Proposals submitted via facsimile will not be accepted. NIST will not make any allowances for late submissions. All TIP competition requirements and information announced in the July 15, 2008, **Federal Register** notice apply to proposals submitted during the extended time period with the exception of the review, selection, and award processing time that is now expected to be completed by early December 2008.

Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs). Proposals under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism). This notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as defined in Executive Order 13132.

Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review). This notice is not a significant regulatory action under Sections 3(f)(3) and 3(f)(4) of Executive Order 12866, as it does not materially alter the budgetary impact of a grant program and does not raise novel policy issues. This notice is not an "economically significant" regulatory action under Section 3(f)(1) of the Executive Order, as it does not have an effect on the economy of \$100 million or more in any one year, and it does not have a material adverse effect on the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities.

Administrative Procedure Act and Regulatory Flexibility Act. Prior notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)). Because prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

Dated: September 9, 2008.

**James M. Turner,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Seats for the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (council): Conservation Primary; Conservation Alternate, and Community-at-Large Marin/Sonoma Alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 2-3 year terms, pursuant to the council's Charter.

**DATES:** Applications are due by October 27, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from <http://www.farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html>, or Kelley Higgason, 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kelley Higgason, 991 Marine Dr., The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129, 415-561-6622 ext. 202, [kelley.higgason@noaa.gov](mailto:kelley.higgason@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Sanctuary Advisory Council provides the Sanctuary Superintendent with advice on the management of the Sanctuary. Members provide advice to the Superintendent on issues affecting resource protection, the Sanctuary's primary purpose. The Council, through its members, serve as liaisons to the community regarding Sanctuary issues and act as a conduit, relaying the

community's interests, concerns, and management needs to the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Advisory Council members represent public interest groups, local industry, commercial and recreational user groups, academia, conservation groups, government agencies, and the general public. Members serve either two- or three-year terms in order to stagger Council membership and allow continuity.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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Dated: September 4, 2008.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XK33**

#### Marine Mammals; File Nos. 13583 and 13599

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following two entities have applied in due form for permits to conduct import marine mammal parts for scientific research purposes:

National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML), Dr. John Bengtson, Responsible Party), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (File No. 13583) and

National Ocean Service Marine Forensic Lab (NOS Lab, Julie Carter, Principal Investigator), 219 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412 (File No. 13599).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521 (File Nos. 13583 and 13599);

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 13583 or File No. 13599

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore (File Nos. 13583 and 13599), Kate Swails (File No. 13583) or Brandy Belmas (File No. 13599), (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

*File No. 13583:* NMML conducts research on marine mammals important to the mission of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NMML is requesting a renewal of Permit No. 782-1694 which authorizes collection of cetacean and pinniped (except for walrus) specimens from dead animals, and for import, export, and possession of specimens taken legally worldwide. Samples may be archived, transported, shared, and analyzed by researchers in order to optimize the amount of biological information gained from each animal. No takes of live animals would be authorized under this permit. There will be no non-target species taken

incidentally under this permit because the permit would only cover import, export, and possession of samples from dead animals or live animals taken legally under other permits. A permit is requested for a five-year period.

*File No.13599:* The NOS Lab is requesting authorization to receive, import, export, transfer, archive, and conduct analyses of marine mammal and endangered species parts. The applicant is requesting all cetaceans, pinnipeds (except for walrus), sea turtles (in the water), smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*), shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and white abalone (*Haliotis sorenseni*) under NMFS jurisdiction to be included in this permit request. No live animal takes are being requested and no incidental harassment of animals would occur. Samples would be archived at the NOS Lab and used to support law enforcement actions, research studies (primarily genetics), and outreach education. A permit is requested for five years. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 5, 2008.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XK35

### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Herring Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New

England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Eastland Park Hotel, 157 High Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-5411; fax: (207) 775-1066.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

1. The Committee will continue development of recommendations for Council consideration in October regarding the specific management measures to be considered further in Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP);
2. The agenda will include a discussion of management alternatives related to catch monitoring, including but not limited to: specific monitoring and reporting requirements for herring vessels and processors, observer coverage and at-sea monitoring, shoreside/dockside monitoring and sampling, vessel monitoring system (VMS) requirements, as well as other measures that were suggested for consideration during the scoping process;
3. Review and discuss preliminary analysis of river herring bycatch in the Atlantic herring fishery and comparison of portside and at-sea and observer bycatch information from the Atlantic herring fishery for selected species of interest from 2005-07; develop related recommendations as appropriate;
4. Review of information related to at-sea monitoring and observer coverage, which may include information about observer programs in other regions, industry-funded observer programs, applications for electronic monitoring, and cost comparisons; develop recommendations as appropriate;
5. Review and discuss proposed management measures to address herring bycatch concerns in the Atlantic mackerel fishery; develop recommendations as appropriate;
6. Address any other issues and develop recommendations related to Amendment 4 to the Herring FMP, possibly including annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs), and individual and group quota