

Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC) will meet in Seattle, WA. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 12, 2015, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Fishermen's Terminal, Norby conference room, 3919 18th Avenue W., Seattle, WA 98199.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Diana Stram, Council Staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809 or Lance Farr, (206) 669-7163.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2014 (79 FR 73884). This notice serves a correction to that notice and is being re-published in its entirety due to a date change and an addition to the agenda.

The Committee will discuss issues to recommend for the 10-year review of the Crab Rationalization Program and discuss extending the Western Baridi fishing season.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 22, 2014.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the King Mackerel Gillnet Working Group.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Marriott Beachside Hotel located at 3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Rindone, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630; fax: (813) 348-1711; email: [ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

##### King Mackerel Gillnet Working Group Agenda, Monday, January 12, 2015, 9 a.m. Until 5 p.m.

- I. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Action Guide
- III. Overview of King Mackerel Gillnet Issues
  - (a) Gulf Council Mackerel Committee Summary
- IV. Suggested Gillnet Management Options
  - (a) Trip Limit Increases
  - (b) Gear Modifications
  - (c) Catch Shares
  - (d) Other
- V. Wrap Up

This agenda may be modified as necessary to facilitate the discussion of pertinent materials up to and during the scheduled meeting.

For meeting materials see folder "King Mackerel Gillnet Working Group meeting—2015—01" on Gulf Council file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's Web site and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council Web site (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username and password are both "gulfguest".

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 22, 2014.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### 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 (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Herring Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 431-7805.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The items of discussion on the agenda are:

The panel will review Action Plans for the 2016-18 Atlantic herring fishery specifications and an amendment to the Atlantic Herring FMP to consider control rules for the Atlantic herring

fishery that account for herring's role as forage in the ecosystem (Amendment 8). They will also discuss possible cooperative research priorities for any research set-aside that may be allocated in 2016–18 during the Atlantic herring fishery specifications process and develop recommendations. The Panel plans to review/discuss a draft scoping document for an amendment to the Herring FMP to consider control rules for the Atlantic herring fishery that account for herring's role as forage in the ecosystem and develop recommendations; They will also review/discuss options under consideration in the NMFS-led omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment to address observer coverage on Atlantic herring vessels and develop recommendations. The panel will discuss other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XD663**

#### Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Fisheries Research

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for letter of authorization; request for comments and information.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS' Office of Protected Resources has received a request from the NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) for authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals incidental to conducting fisheries research, over the course of five years from the date of issuance. Pursuant to regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing receipt of the NEFSC's request under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals. NMFS invites the public to provide information, suggestions, and comments on the NEFSC's application and request.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than January 28, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [ITP.Cody@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Cody@noaa.gov). You must include 0648-XD663 in the subject line. NMFS is not responsible for email comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size.

**Instructions:** All submitted comments are a part of the public record and NMFS will post them to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeannine Cody, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Availability

An electronic copy of the NEFSC's application may be obtained by visiting the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm>. The NEFSC is concurrently releasing a draft Environmental Assessment, prepared pursuant to requirements of the

National Environmental Policy Act, for the conduct of their fisheries research. A copy of the draft EA, which would also support our proposed rulemaking under the MMPA, is also available at: <http://nefsc.noaa.gov/rcb/dpea/>.

#### Background

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) if certain findings are made and regulations are issued.

Incidental taking shall be allowed if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) affected and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses, and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth.

NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival." Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as: "Any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A harassment]; or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering [Level B harassment]."

#### Summary of Request

On December 17, 2014, NMFS received an application from the NEFSC requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to fisheries research conducted by the NEFSC. The requested regulations would be valid for five years from the date of issuance. The NEFSC plans to conduct fisheries research surveys in the Atlantic Ocean from the U.S.-Canada border to Florida. It is possible that marine mammals may interact with fishing gear (*e.g.*, bottom and pelagic trawls, dredges, video cameras, long lines, and gillnets) used in NEFSC's fisheries research and cooperative research projects, resulting in injury, serious injury, or mortality. In addition, the NEFSC operates active