

35. Gilbert Orchards, Inc., Yakima, WA
36. Gold Digger Apples, Inc., Oroville, WA
37. Hansen Fruit & Cold Storage Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
38. Henggeler Packing Co., Inc., Fruitland, ID
39. Highland Fruit Growers, Inc., Yakima, WA
40. HoneyBear Growers, Inc., Brewster, WA
41. Honey Bear Tree Fruit Co., LLC, Wenatchee, WA
42. Hood River Cherry Company, Hood River, OR
43. Ice Lakes LLC, East Wenatchee, WA
44. JackAss Mt. Ranch, Pasco, WA
45. Jenks Bros Cold Storage & Packing Royal City, WA
46. Kershaw Fruit & Cold Storage, Co., Yakima, WA
47. L&M Companies, Union Gap, WA
48. Larson Fruit Co., Selah, WA
49. Legacy Fruit Packers LLC, Wapato, WA
50. Manson Growers Cooperative, Manson, WA
51. Matson Fruit Company, Selah, WA
52. McDougall & Sons, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
53. Monson Fruit Co. Selah, WA
54. Morgan's of Washington dba Double Diamond Fruit, Quincy, WA
55. Naumes, Inc., Medford, OR
56. Northern Fruit Company, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
57. Olympic Fruit Co., Moxee, WA
58. Oneonta Trading Corp., Wenatchee, WA
59. Orchard View Farms, Inc., The Dalles, OR
60. Pacific Coast Cherry Packers, LLC, Yakima, WA
61. Peshastin Hi-Up Growers, Peshastin, WA
62. Phillippi Fruit Company, Inc., Wenatchee, WA
63. Piepel Premium Fruit Packing LLC, East Wenatchee, WA
64. Polehn Farm's Inc., The Dalles, OR
65. Price Cold Storage & Packing Co., Inc., Yakima, WA
66. Pride Packing Company, Wapato, WA
67. Quincy Fresh Fruit Co., Quincy, WA
68. Rainier Fruit Company, Selah, WA
69. Roche Fruit, Ltd., Yakima, WA
70. Sage Fruit Company, L.L.C., Yakima, WA
71. Smith & Nelson, Inc., Tonasket, WA
72. Stadelman Fruit, L.L.C., Milton-Freewater, OR, and Zillah, WA
73. Stemilt Growers, LLC, Wenatchee, WA
74. Strand Apples, Inc., Cowiche, WA
75. Symms Fruit Ranch, Inc., Caldwell, ID
76. The Dalles Fruit Company, LLC, Dallesport, WA

77. Underwood Fruit & Warehouse Co., Bingen, WA
78. Valicoff Fruit Co., Inc., Wapato, WA
79. Valley Fruit III L.L.C., Wapato, WA
80. Washington Cherry Growers, Peshastin, WA
81. Washington Fruit & Produce Co., Yakima, WA
82. Western Sweet Cherry Group, LLC, Yakima, WA
83. Western Traders LLC, E. Wenatchee, WA
84. Whitby Farms, Inc. dba: Farm Boy Fruit Snacks LLC, Mesa, WA
85. Yakima Fresh, Yakima, WA
86. Yakima Fruit & Cold Storage Co., Yakima, WA
87. Zirkle Fruit Company, Selah, WA

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE780**

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings and hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has begun the five-year review of its groundfish trawl catch share program, as required by the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act. It will also begin a concurrent review of its groundfish inter-sector allocations. This document announces the dates and locations of Pacific Council public hearings that will inform Council decisions on the content and focus for the review (review plan).

**DATES:** The hearings will begin on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, and end on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on October 18, 2016. For specific hearing dates and times, see

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Mr. Herb Pollard, Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE. Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384, telephone: 503-820-2280 (voice) or 503-820-2299

(fax). Comments can also be submitted via email at [PFMC.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:PFMC.comments@noaa.gov).

For specific hearing locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

*Council Address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE. Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jim Seger, telephone: 503-820-2416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Agenda

Information on the review process is available from the Council Web site ([www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)) on the five-year review Web page (<http://tinyurl.com/hjkmvw6>). Comment from the hearings will be summarized and provided to the Council at its November 2016 meeting, at which time the Council will finalize its review plan. Written comments may also be submitted and should be received by 5 p.m. on October 18, 2016, in order to be considered at the November Council meeting. Results of the catch share program review are expected to be published in the following year.

*Thursday, August 31, 2016, Through Thursday, September 29, 2016*

Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the content and focus for the review. Written comments received at the public hearings and a summary of oral comments at the hearings will be provided to the Pacific Council at its November 2016 meeting.

All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

1. *August 31, 2016:* Marriott Courtyard, San Luis Obispo Room, 1605 Calle Joaquin Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405, telephone 805-786-4200.

2. *September 1, 2016:* Half Moon Bay Lodge, Club Room, 2400 Cabrillo Hwy. South, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019, telephone 650-726-9000.

3. *September 6, 2016:* City of Fort Bragg. Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street, Fort Bragg CA 95437, telephone 707-961-2823.

4. *September 7, 2016:* Red Lion Eureka, Evergreen Room, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, telephone 707-445-0844.

5. *September 8, 2016:* Red Lion Hotel, South Umpqua Room, 1313 North Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay, OR 97420, telephone 541-267-4141.

6. *September 12, 2016:* Chateau Westport, Beach Room, 710 West Hancock, Westport, WA 98595, telephone 360-268-9101.

7. *September 13, 2016:* Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Diamond Room, 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, telephone 206-621-9000.

8. *September 28, 2016:* Comfort Inn and Suites, Meeting Room (no name), 3420 Leif Erickson Drive, Astoria, OR 97103, telephone 503-325-2000.

9. *September 29, 2016:* Agate Beach Inn, Jasper Room, 3019 N. Coast Hwy., Newport, OR 97365, telephone 541-265-9411.

No actions will be taken at the hearings.

### Special Accommodations

These public hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, at 503-820-2280 (voice), or 503-820-2299 (fax) at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 2, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to an Anchor Retrieval Program in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of an incidental take authorization (IHA).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an IHA to Fairweather, LLC (Fairweather) to take, by harassment, small numbers of 12 species of marine mammals incidental to an anchor retrieval program in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas, Alaska, during the open-water season of 2016.

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from July 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce 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) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting of such takings 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.”

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS’s review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the public comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny the authorization.

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 February 2, 2016, NMFS received an application from Fairweather for the taking of marine mammals incidental to conducting anchor retrieval activities in the U.S. Chukchi and Beaufort seas. After receiving NMFS comments, Fairweather made revisions and updated its IHA application and marine mammal mitigation and monitoring plan on February 8, 2016. NMFS determined the IHA application adequate and complete on February 8, 2016. NMFS published a notice making preliminary determinations and proposing to issue an IHA on May 19, 2016 (81 FR 31594). The notice initiated a 30-day comment period.

Fairweather proposes to retrieve anchor equipment left by Shell Offshore, Inc. (Shell) during its 2012 and 2015 exploration drilling programs in the U.S. Chukchi and Beaufort seas. The proposed activity would occur between July 1 and October 31, 2016. Noise generated from anchor handling activities and vessel’s dynamic positioning thrusters could impact marine mammals in the vicinity of the activities. Take, by Level B harassments, of individuals of eight species of marine mammals may result from the specified activity.

### Description of the Specified Activity

A detailed description of the Fairweather’s anchor retrieval program is provided in the **Federal Register** notice for the proposed IHA (81 FR 31594; May 19, 2016). Since that time, no changes have been made to the proposed construction activities. Therefore, a detailed description is not provided here. Please refer to that **Federal Register** notice for the description of the specific activity.

### Comments and Responses

A notice of NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to Fairweather was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2016 (81 FR 31594). That notice described, in detail, Fairweather’s activity, the marine mammal species and subsistence activities that may be affected by the proposed anchor retrieval program, and the anticipated effects on marine mammals and subsistence activities. During the 30-day public comment period, NMFS received comments from the Marine Mammal Commission (Commission) and the Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA). Specific comments and responses are provided below.

*Comment 1:* The Commission states that since anchor handling would take 7 days at each site, and there are 5 sites,