

77551, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct scientific research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before February 2, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 20666 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. 20666 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Sara Young, (301) 427-8401.

**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 applicant proposes to conduct physiology research on up to 5 harbor seals (over the life of the project) at the Texas A&M Institute of Preclinical Studies in College Station, TX. Animals will be transported from the Moody Gardens Aquarium in Galveston, TX, or other cooperating public display facilities to be determined. The object is to simultaneously measure heart rate and complete regional blood flow to tissues and organs during rest, and voluntary dives with and without exercise. Blood flow will be measured using stable isotopes and heart rate will be measured with an ECG recorder. One mortality over the life of the project is requested. The requested duration of the permit is 5 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 activity proposed is 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 the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: December 27, 2016.

**Julia Harrison,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF124

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, beginning at 9 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m.. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: (410) 234-0550.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report of the results of a stock assessment recently completed for black sea bass and to make ABC recommendations to the Council for the species for the period 2017-19. In

addition, the Council may request re-specification of the ABC recommendations for the previous years which were made based on *ad hoc* data poor methods, to evaluate fishery performance relative to catch limits developed using those methods. If time permits, the report of the CV Subcommittee of the SSC will be discussed.

Dated: December 28, 2016.

**Jeffrey N. Lonergan,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF127

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team (BS FEP) will meet January 19-20, 2017, in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 through Friday, January 20, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center NMML Room 2011, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Agenda

*Thursday, January 19, 2017 through Friday, January 20, 2017*

The BS FEP agenda will include: (a) FEP tasks, (b) discuss FEP objectives and work products, (c) outreach plan, and (d) potential action modules. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 28, 2016.

**Jeffrey N. Lonergan,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XF126

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Crab Plan Team (CPT) will meet January 17 through January 19, 2017, in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 through Wednesday, January 18, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thursday, January 19, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Mountaineers Program Center, Cascade Room, 7700 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

*Tuesday, January 17, 2017 through Thursday, January 19, 2017*

The CPT will review and make recommendations on Norton Sound Red King Crab final assessment OFL/ABC stock prioritization, Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab, model scenarios for final assessment, Tanner Crab modeling, Bristol Bay Red King Crab—GMACs model, Bering Sea Fishery Research Foundation survey issues, dynamic B application and discussion.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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**Jeffrey N. Lonergan,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XF123

**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 Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee 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 Monday, January 23, 2017, at 10 a.m.

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

*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:****Agenda**

The Committee will receive a report on the application of Georges Bank Operating Models, *i.e.* examples and description of how they could be used to support a Management Strategy Evaluation, from the Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Plan Development

Team. The committee will also discuss progress toward development of an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank. Other business will be discussed if time permits.

**Special Accommodations**

This 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.*

Dated: December 28, 2016.

**Jeffrey N. Lonergan,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Applications for New Awards; Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Interdisciplinary Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services for Personnel Serving Children With Disabilities Who Have High-Intensity Needs**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**Overview Information**

Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Interdisciplinary Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services for Personnel Serving Children With Disabilities Who Have High-Intensity Needs.

Notice inviting applications for a new award for fiscal year (FY) 2017.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 84.325K.

**DATES:**

*Applications Available:* January 3, 2017.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* March 6, 2017.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* May 3, 2017.

**Full Text of Announcement****I. Funding Opportunity Description**

*Purpose of Program:* The purposes of this program are to (1) help address State-identified needs for personnel preparation in special education, early