

finish, end finish, or stenciling. The scope of this investigation includes, but is not limited to, both hubless and hub and spigot cast iron soil pipe. Cast iron soil pipe is nonmalleable iron pipe of various designs and sizes. Cast iron soil pipe is generally distinguished from other types of nonmalleable cast iron pipe by the manner in which it is connected to cast iron soil pipe fittings.

Cast iron soil pipe is classified into two major types—hubless and hub and spigot. Hubless cast iron soil pipe is manufactured without a hub, generally in compliance with Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (CISPI) specification 301 and/or American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification A888, including any revisions to those specifications. Hub and spigot pipe has one or more hubs into which the spigot (plain end) of a fitting is inserted. All pipe meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of this investigation, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

The subject imports are currently classified in subheading 7303.00.0030 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): Cast iron soil pipe. The HTSUS subheading and specifications are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG319

Marine Mammals; File Nos. 22292 and 22294

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Icon Films, 3rd Floor College House, 32–36 College Green, Bristol, BS1 5SP,

United Kingdom (Responsible Party: Laura Marshall) (File No. 22292), and Plimsoll Productions, Whiteladies House, 51–55 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2LY, United Kingdom (Responsible Party: Bill Markham) (File No. 22294) have applied in due form for permits to conduct commercial or educational photography on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before August 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: These documents are 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 these applications 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. Please include the File No. 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 these applications would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubbard or Sara Young, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Icon Films (File No. 22292) proposes to film killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in the waters off Seward, AK. Filmmakers may approach up to 100 killer whales to film from boats, pole cameras, or an unmanned aircraft system. Fifty harbor seals may be approached and filmed from a boat. The goal of the project is to obtain footage of killer whales feeding on Chinook salmon for use in a documentary television show to air on Animal Planet in 2019. The permit would be valid until August 30, 2018.

Plimsoll Productions (File No. 22294) proposes to film bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) in and around Indian River Lagoon, the Banana River, and Mosquito Lagoon, FL. Filming would occur after sunset, from

approximately 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. over 14 days in August and September 2018. Specialized cameras onboard a boat, attached to poles for underwater filming, and on an unmanned aircraft system would be used to film dolphins swimming through bioluminescence. Up to 84 dolphins may be harassed during filming. The footage would be used in a wildlife documentary series about unique animal behaviors and adaptations to living in the dark. The permit would be valid until October 1, 2018.

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 the applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 26, 2018.

Julia Marie 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–XG271

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of an application for exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). If granted, the EFP would authorize the deployment of modified wire spiny lobster traps in the Federal waters of the South Atlantic. The project would seek to determine the effectiveness of these traps, as applicable, for attracting and collecting invasive lionfish while avoiding impacts to non-target species, protected species, and habitats.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the application, identified by “NOAA-NMFS-2018-0068” by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/

#!doCKETDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2018-0068, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- *Mail:* Frank Helies, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

- *Instructions:* Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Electronic copies of the application and programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) may be obtained from the Southeast Regional Office website at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/gulf_fisheries/LOA_and_EFP/2018/Lionfish/Lionfish%20EFP.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Helies, 727-824-5305; email: frank.helies@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

Lionfish is an invasive marine species that occurs in both the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) and South Atlantic. The harvest of lionfish in the Federal waters of the Gulf and South Atlantic is not currently managed by NMFS. The EFP application submitted to NMFS involves the use of prohibited gear in Federal waters. Federal regulations prohibit the use or possession of a fish trap in Federal waters in the Gulf and South Atlantic (50 CFR 622.9(c)). In South Atlantic Federal waters, the term “fish trap” refers to a trap capable of taking fish, except for a seabass pot, a golden crab trap, or a crustacean trap (50 CFR 622.2). The EFP would exempt these

research activities from the regulation prohibiting the use or possession of a fish trap in Federal waters of the South Atlantic at 50 CFR 622.9(c), and would allow the applicant to use spiny lobster traps to target lionfish.

The applicant seeks an EFP to test the effectiveness of different trap modifications in capturing lionfish in the South Atlantic while avoiding impacts to non-target species, protected species, and habitats. NMFS analyzed the effects of testing traps that target lionfish on the environment, including effects on Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed species and designated critical habitat, and other non-target species and habitat, in the Gulf and South Atlantic regions through a PEA. Before issuing the permit, NMFS will analyze whether the proposed effort fits within the scope of the PEA and the ESA analysis on the expected effort under the PEA. If the proposed activities fit within the PEA and the ESA consultation, NMFS will document that determination for the record. Otherwise, NMFS will complete the required analyses.

The specific EFP request noticed here is further described and summarized below.

FWC is requesting authorization to test standard and modified wire spiny lobster traps in the South Atlantic to harvest lionfish aboard federally permitted commercial spiny lobster fishing vessels. The proposed research would examine the effectiveness and performance of modified trap designs for capturing lionfish, with the goal of identifying the best lobster trap modification to maximize lionfish catch and reduce bycatch of other species. Traps would be fished in a trawl configuration with a maximum of 32 traps and 2 surface buoys per trawl. Spiny lobster trap modifications to be tested by the applicant would include funnel and escape gap dimensions and locations, in addition to bait types. Some traps would be outfitted with lionfish optical recognition technology. Modified traps would be compared to standard wire spiny lobster trap controls. Sampling with the traps would occur in water depths from 100–300 feet (30–91 meters) between Alligator Reef and Looe Key Reef in the Florida Keys, approximately twice per month, per year throughout the effectiveness of any issued EFP. Only areas open to commercial lobster fishing will be included in the study area. No more than 100 traps would be deployed in the water at any given time, and soak times would vary, but they would not exceed 21 days per deployment. FWC anticipates completing a maximum of

40 sampling trips per year. Bait could include live lionfish, plastic decoy lionfish, artificial lures, fish oil, and fish heads. As practicable, video and still photos of trap deployment and animal behavior in and near traps would be recorded using cameras.

FWC would contract commercial trap fishermen with experience fishing within the study area. Additionally, the contractors must have demonstrable experience in the catch and handling of lionfish. The applicant expects the research to be conducted from up to two federally permitted commercial fishing vessels. At least one FWC scientist would be onboard a vessel at all times. Data to be collected per trip would include: Gear configuration and fishing effort data (e.g., date and time of deployment and retrieval, latitude, longitude, and water depth of each deployed trawl, bait type used); soak time for each trawl; trap loss and movement from original set position; protected species interactions; bycatch species (amount, length, and disposition); and lionfish catch data for each trap type. All non-commercially viable bycatch species would be returned to the water as soon as possible. Depending on FWC’s commercial vendor selected, those species that are legally allowed to be commercially harvested in Federal waters by the contracted commercial fishermen may be retained as commercial catch as long as the harvest and retention complies with applicable laws and regulations (e.g., permitted commercial fishermen may retain species of the legal size taken during the applicable season from appropriate areas using legal gears and vessels, consistent with applicable laws and regulations). Representative sub-samples of fish would be collected for species identification verification in the laboratory by FWC, as needed.

The applicant has requested the EFP be effective for a 3-year period from the date the EFP is issued.

NMFS finds the application warrants further consideration based on a preliminary review. Possible conditions the agency may impose on the permit, if granted, include but are not limited to, a prohibition on conducting research within marine protected areas, marine sanctuaries, special management zones, or areas where they might interfere with managed fisheries without additional authorization. Additionally, NMFS may require special protections for ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat, and may require particular gear markings. A final decision on issuance of the EFP will depend on NMFS’ review of public comments received on

the application, consultations with the appropriate fishery management agencies of the affected states, Councils, and the U.S. Coast Guard, and a determination that the activities to be taken under the EFP are consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

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

Dated: June 26, 2018.

Margo B. Schulze-Haugen,

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

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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 of public hearings, request for comments

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold five public hearings to solicit Public comments on Draft Amendment 22 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP), including a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). To meet the purpose and need, this amendment proposes alternatives that would initiate a limited access program for the small-mesh multispecies fishery, adjust whiting and red hake possession limits, and modify permit types and characteristics making them consistent with limited access.

DATES: These meetings will be held between July 19–26, 2018. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Written or Electronic Public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, August 6, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The hearing documents are accessible electronically via the internet <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-22> or by request to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950, telephone: (978) 465-0492.

Meeting address: The meetings will be held in Gloucester, MA; Tinton Falls, NJ; Montauk, NY; Warwick, RI and New Bedford, MA. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Public Comments: Written public hearing comments on the DEIS for

Amendment 22 may be sent by any of the following methods: Mail to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; email to the following address: comments@nefmc.org with “DEIS for Amendment 22 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP” in the subject line. Or fax to (978) 465-3116.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Hearing, Dates and Locations:

The agenda for the following five hearings is as follows: Council staff will brief the public on the amendment’s alternatives and the contents of the DEIS prior to opening the hearing for public comments and the schedule is as follows:

Public Hearings: Locations, Schedules, and Agendas

1. *Thursday, July 19, 2018, 4–6 p.m.,* MA DMF of Marine Fisheries, Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station, 30 Emerson Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930;

2. *Monday, July 23, 2018, 7–9 p.m.,* DoubleTree by Hilton, 700 Hope Drive, Tinton Falls, NJ 07244;

3. *Tuesday, July 24, 2018, 5–7 p.m.,* Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation Inc., 240 Edgemere Street, Montauk, NY 11954;

4. *Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 7–9 p.m.,* Hampton Inn & Suites, 2100 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886;

5. *Thursday, July 26, 2018, 7–9 p.m.,* Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740.

Additional information on the review is available on the Council website, www.nefmc.org. The public also should be aware that the hearings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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:

June 27, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting (webinar).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council) Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) will hold a meeting via webinar that is open to the public.

DATES: The webinar will be held Monday July 23, 2018, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., or until business has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. A public listening station is available at the Pacific Council office (address below). To attend the webinar, use this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar> (click “Join a Webinar” in top right corner of page); (1) Enter the Webinar ID: 683-377-106; (2) Enter your name and email address (required). You must use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting by dialing this TOLL number: 1-631-992-3221; (3) Enter the Attendee phone audio access code 217-555-003; (4) Enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). *Note:* We have disabled Mic/Speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. Technical Information and System Requirements: PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (see <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov or contact him at (503) 820-2280, extension 411 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE