

2. July 10, 2019, 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Marriott Courtyard, 5000 Express Drive South, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

3. August 6, 2019, 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 6745 Rock Spring Road, Wilmington, NC 28405.

4. August 14, 2019, 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 210 Seminole Boulevard, Largo, Florida 33770.

5. September 4, 2019, 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1 Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886.

6. September 17, 2019, 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1101 North U.S. Highway 231, Panama City, FL 32405.

#### Registration

To register for a scheduled Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (386) 682-0158. Pre-registration is highly recommended, but not required.

#### Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring the following specific items with them to the workshop:

- Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate swordfish and/or shark permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.
- Representatives of a business-owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable swordfish and/or shark permit(s), and proof of identification.
- Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

#### Workshop Objectives

The Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach longline and gillnet fishermen the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish, and prohibited sharks. In an effort to improve reporting, the proper identification of protected species and prohibited sharks will also be taught at these workshops. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal of these workshops is to provide participants with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species and prohibited sharks, which may prevent additional

regulations on these fisheries in the future.

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

Dated: June 7, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Meeting of the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

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

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee's (MAFAC's) Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force (CBP Task Force). The CBP Task Force will discuss the issues outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held June 26, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT and on June 27, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. PT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Historic Davenport Hotel, 10 S Post St., Spokane, WA 99201; 509-455-8888.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katherine Cheney; NFMS West Coast Region; 503-231-6730; email: [Katherine.Cheney@noaa.gov](mailto:Katherine.Cheney@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC's CBP Task Force. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The MAFAC charter and meeting information are located online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/partners#marine-fisheries-advisory-committee>. The CBP Task Force reports to MAFAC and is being convened to develop recommendations for long-term goals to meet Columbia Basin salmon recovery, conservation needs, and harvest opportunities, in the context of habitat capacity and other factors that affect salmon mortality. More

information is available at the CBP Task Force web page: [http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/columbia\\_river/index.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/columbia_river/index.html).

#### Matters To Be Considered

The meeting time and agenda are subject to change. Meeting topics include exploring potential options, strategies, and analytical tools for developing scenarios that assess and achieve the provisional quantitative goals and the qualitative goals recommended through the phase I work.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Katherine Cheney, 503-231-6730, by June 22, 2019.

Dated: June 6, 2019.

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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 the O'Connell Bridge Lightering Float Pile Replacement Project in Sitka, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during the O'Connell Bridge Lightering Float Pile Replacement Project in Sitka, Alaska.

**DATES:** This Authorization is effective from June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rob Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, and (301) 427-8401. Electronic