

due form for a permit to conduct research on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before March 30, 2020.

**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. 23283 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. 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:** Sara Young or Shasta McClenahan, (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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a research permit to investigate population status and trends, demographics, health and disease, and foraging ecology of northern fur seals. Up to 38,491 northern fur seals may be taken annually from the California stock at San Miguel Island and the Farallon Islands in California, including 1,580 by capture and handle, 36,900 by incidental disturbance and 11 by unintentional mortality. Up to 375,431 northern fur seals may be taken annually from the Eastern Pacific stock at the Pribilof Islands and Bogoslof Island in Alaska, including 18,200 by capture and handle, 357,220 by incidental disturbance, and 11 by

unintentional mortality. Unlimited numbers of samples may be salvaged from dead animals, received, and/or exported for analysis. Take activities involve ground survey, aerial survey, observation, photograph/video, capture/handling, and collection of scat/spew. Procedures to be performed on handled animals include: Administration of drugs and anesthesia, stomach lavage, external and internal instrumentation, marking, measuring, restraint, biological sampling and swabs, stable isotopes and serial blood samples, ultrasound, and weighing. Up to 150 Western Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) and 200 Aleutian Islands and Pribilof Island stock harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) may be incidentally disturbed annually in Alaska. 36,500 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) may be incidentally disturbed annually in California. The requested duration of this permit is 5 years from June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2025.

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: February 24, 2020.

**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

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#### U.S. Stakeholder Meeting on Pacific Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Framework; Meeting Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is holding a meeting to discuss the future management of the U.S. West Coast Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) fishery, including management

objectives and a management framework.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held April 23, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST, or until business concludes.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 3400 at the Glenn M. Anderson Federal Building, 501 W Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. Please notify Eric Poncelet (meeting facilitator), at [eponcelet@kearnswest.com](mailto:eponcelet@kearnswest.com) or (415) 697-0566 by April 9, 2020, if you plan to attend. If interested members of the public cannot reasonably attend the meeting in person, NMFS may provide for a teleconference phone line or webinar for such members if a request is made to the meeting facilitator; however, participation by teleconference or webinar may be limited in a reasonable manner to facilitate discussion. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information on attendance, participation instructions, and meeting materials.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Celia Barroso, West Coast Region, NMFS, at [Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov](mailto:Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov), or at (562) 432-1850.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Stakeholders have expressed an interest in developing management objectives and a long-term management framework for PBF. In September 2018, the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) recommended that its Highly Migratory Species Management Team develop a long-term management strategy for PBF (see the PFMC's "September 2018 Decision Summary Document" at [https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/0918\\_Decision\\_Summary\\_DocumentV2.pdf](https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/0918_Decision_Summary_DocumentV2.pdf)). On May 2, 2019, NMFS held a stakeholder meeting in which participants discussed potential management objectives and strategies to achieve those objectives for the domestic commercial PBF fishery (see the NMFS report to the June PFMC meeting at [https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/J2b\\_Sup\\_NMFS\\_Rpt3\\_JUN2019BB.pdf](https://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/J2b_Sup_NMFS_Rpt3_JUN2019BB.pdf)). The upcoming meeting scheduled for April 23, 2020, is intended to follow up the discussion from the 2019 stakeholder meeting as well as provide an opportunity for early comments on how to implement a new Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) resolution on PBF conservation and management for 2021-2022 that NMFS anticipates the IATTC will adopt at its annual meeting in August 2020. In order to facilitate discussion, NMFS strongly encourages in-person participation at

the meeting location described in the **ADDRESSES** section if possible. NMFS will email attendance instructions and background materials to the meeting participants who notify the meeting facilitator as described in the **ADDRESSES** section.

#### PBF U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics

The PBF U.S. stakeholder meeting topics will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) An overview of international management of PBF and current management of the U.S. PBF fishery; and,
- (2) Potential management options for 2021–2022 and in the long-term.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Celia Barroso, at [Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov](mailto:Celia.Barroso@noaa.gov) or (562) 432–1850, by April 2, 2020.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: February 25, 2020.

**Karyl K. Brewster-Geisz,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (“ACCRES” or “the Committee”) will meet March 18, 2020.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled as follows: March 18, 2020, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. There will be a one hour lunch break from 12 p.m.–1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Relations located at 1957 E Street NW, Room 505, Washington, DC 20052.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tashaun Pierre, NOAA/NESDIS/CRSRA, 1335 East West Highway, G–101, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; (301) 713–7047 or [Tashaun.pierre@noaa.gov](mailto:Tashaun.pierre@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by Section 10(a)(2) of the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (FACA) and its implementing regulations, *see* 41 CFR 102–3.150, notice is hereby given of the meeting of ACCRES. ACCRES was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on May 21, 2002, to advise the Secretary of Commerce through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters relating to the U.S. commercial remote sensing space industry and on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s activities to carry out the responsibilities of the Department of Commerce set forth in the National and Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010 (51 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.*).

#### Purpose of the Meeting and Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Section 10(a)(1) of the FACA. During the meeting, the Committee will receive updates on NOAA’s Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs activities and discuss updates to the commercial remote sensing regulatory regime. The Committee will be available to receive public comments on its activities.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to Tashaun Pierre, NOAA/NESDIS/CRSRA, 1335 East West Highway, G–101, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; (301) 713–7047 or [Tashaun.pierre@noaa.gov](mailto:Tashaun.pierre@noaa.gov).

#### Additional Information and Public Comments

In accordance with 41 CFR 102–3.140(b), the meeting room is sufficient to accommodate advisory committee members, agency staff, and a reasonable number of interested members of the public. However, to avoid overcrowding should an unexpected number of members of the public attend the meeting, ACCRES invites interested members of the public to RSVP through the following link: <https://forms.gle/sfvLt8Rfj7e8C2WNA> directly to Tashaun Pierre at (301) 713–7047, or by email at [Tashaun.pierre@noaa.gov](mailto:Tashaun.pierre@noaa.gov), by March 13, 2020. Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact Tahara Dawkins, Designated Federal Officer for ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS/CRSRA, 1335 East West Highway, G–101, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; (301) 713–3385 or [tahara.dawkins@noaa.gov](mailto:tahara.dawkins@noaa.gov). Copies of the draft meeting

agenda will be posted on the Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office at <https://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/CRSRA/accresMeetings.html>.

ACCRES expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation may be limited to a total time of five minutes. Written comments sent to NOAA/NESDIS/CRSRA on or before March 12, 2020 will be provided to Committee members in advance of the meeting. Comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to Committee members at the meeting.

**Stephen M. Volz,**

*Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Solicitation of Applications.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA is soliciting applications to fill up to six membership vacancies on the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). The new OEAB members will serve initial three-year terms, renewable once.

**DATES:** Application materials must be received no later than March 30, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit application materials to Christa Rabenold via mail or email. Mail: NOAA/OER, 1315 East West Highway, SSMC3 Rm 10310, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; Email: [christa.rabenold@noaa.gov](mailto:christa.rabenold@noaa.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David McKinnie, OEAB Designated Federal Officer, NOAA/OER, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115; 206–526–6950; [david.mckinnie@noaa.gov](mailto:david.mckinnie@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA is soliciting applications to fill up to six vacancies on the OEAB with individuals demonstrating expertise in areas relevant to the statutory purpose of the OEAB and the ocean exploration act established under 33 U.S.C. 3401 *et seq.* The new OEAB members will serve initial three-year terms, renewable once.