

(Level B Harassment). On August 13, 2018, the 2019 NDAA (Pub. L. 115–232) amended the MMPA to allow incidental take regulations for military readiness activities to be issued for up to seven years.

#### Summary of Request

On March 9, 2020, NMFS received an adequate and complete application from the Navy requesting authorization for the take of marine mammals, by Level A and B harassment, incidental to training, testing, and routine military operations (all categorized as military readiness activities) from the use of at-surface or in-air detonations in the PMSR Study Area as well as missile launch events from San Nicolas Island (SNI). The requested regulations will be valid for seven years, from 2021 through 2028.

NMFS has promulgated incidental take regulations pursuant to the MMPA relating to missile launches from SNI, from June 3, 2014 through June 3, 2019 (79 FR 32678; June 6, 2014). The Navy has also been operating under IHAs in 2019 (84 FR 28462; June 19, 2019) and 2020 (85 FR 38863; June 29, 2020) for similar activities.

#### Description of the Specified Activity

The PMSR Study Area consists of 93,240 square km (36,000 square miles) and is located adjacent to Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties along the Pacific Coast of Southern California (see Figure 1.1–1 of the application). The two primary components of the PMSR are the Special Use Airspace and the ocean Operating Areas. The PMSR-controlled sea space parallels the California coast for approximately 225 nautical miles (nmi) and extends approximately 180 nmi seaward (see Figure 1–1 of the application).

The following types of training and testing, which are classified as military readiness activities pursuant to section 315(f) of Public Law 101–314 (16 U.S.C 703), are included in the specified activity described in the Navy's application: Air warfare (air-to-air, surface-to-air), electronic warfare (directed energy—lasers and high-powered microwave systems), and surface warfare (surface-to-surface, air-to-surface, and subsurface-to-subsurface).

The Navy's application includes proposed mitigation measures for marine mammals that would be implemented during training and testing activities in the PMSR Study Area. Proposed procedural mitigation measures generally include: (1) The use of Lookouts to observe for biological

resources and communicate the need for mitigation implementation; (2) delay of starts to avoid exposure of marine mammals to explosive blasts more likely to result in injury or more serious behavioral disruption; and (3) limiting the use of missile launches during biologically sensitive times (*i.e.*, during pupping season) to reduce the probability or severity of impacts when they are more likely to contribute to fitness impacts.

The Navy also proposes to undertake monitoring and reporting efforts to track compliance with incidental take authorizations and to help investigate the effectiveness of implemented mitigation measures in the PMSR Study Area. This can include Adaptive Management, the Integrated Comprehensive Monitoring Program, the Strategic Planning Process, and annual reports. As an example, under the Integrated Comprehensive Monitoring Program, the monitoring relating to the effects of Navy training and testing activities on protected marine species are designed to increase the understanding of the likely occurrence of marine mammals in the vicinity of the action (*i.e.*, presence, abundance, distribution, and density of species) and to increase the understanding of the nature, scope, or context of the likely exposure of marine mammals to any of the potential stressors associated with the action.

#### Information Solicited

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the Navy's request (see ADDRESSES). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the Navy, if appropriate. NMFS is also soliciting comments on valuable pinniped research needs that could occur on SNI as part of the Navy's monitoring and reporting requirements.

Dated: September 1, 2020.

#### Donna S. Wieting,

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XA454]

#### 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Executive Committee will hold a public webinar meeting to develop recommendations regarding the Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and concluding by 4:00 p.m. For agenda details, see

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar connection details will be available at <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2020/executive-committee-sept21>.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; [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:** On May 7, 2020, the President of the United States signed an Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth. The purpose of this Executive Order is “to strengthen the American economy; improve the competitiveness of American industry; ensure food security; provide environmentally safe and sustainable seafood; support American workers; ensure coordinated, predictable, and transparent Federal actions; and remove unnecessary regulatory burdens.” Section 4 of the Executive Order requires each Regional Fishery Management Council to submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries, including a proposal for initiating each recommended action by May 7, 2021. During this meeting, the Executive Committee will (1) review public input and staff recommendations, (2) identify

issues and actions that should be included on the Council's list of recommendations, and (3) provide direction on specific pathways for initiating action on each recommendation. The Council will review the Committee's recommendations at the October 2020 Council Meeting.

Meeting materials will be posted to <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2020/executive-committee-sept21>.

### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: September 1, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Council Coordination Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting; information regarding the agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries will host a virtual meeting of the Council Coordination Committee (CCC), consisting of the Regional Fishery Management Council chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors on September 23 to September 24, 2020. The intent of this meeting is to discuss issues of relevance to the Councils and NMFS, including issues related to the implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act. All sessions are open to the public and time will be set aside for public comments at the end of each session.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, recess at 5:30 p.m. Eastern, reconvene at 1:30 p.m. Eastern on

Thursday, September 24, 2020, and adjourn by 5:30 p.m. Eastern.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held online via WebEx. Attendees can find information on how to join at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners/council-coordination-committee> and <http://www.fisherycouncils.org/ccc-meetings>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicholas Pieper by email at [Nicholas.Pieper@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Pieper@noaa.gov) or at (301) 427-8500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act established the CCC. The CCC consists of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils or other Council members or staff. Updates to this meeting and additional information will be posted on <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners/council-coordination-committee> and <http://www.fisherycouncils.org/> when available.

#### Proposed Agenda

*Wednesday, September 23, 2020—1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Eastern*

1. Welcome/Introduction
    - a. NOAA Fisheries Update and FY20/21 Priorities
  2. Recent Issues with Council Operations and Agency Operational, Science, and Regulatory Issues
  3. Rule on Council Membership; Financial Disclosure and Recusal
  4. CEQ Final NEPA Regulation
  5. Legislative Outlook
  6. Public Comment
- Adjourn Day 1

*Thursday, September 24, 2020—1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Eastern*

7. Aquaculture and the Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth
  8. CCC Committees
    - a. Electronic Monitoring
    - b. Communications
  9. Public Comment
  10. Wrap-up and Other Business
- Adjourn Day 2

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The CCC will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Special Accommodations

If you have particular access needs please contact Nicholas Pieper at [Nicholas.pieper@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicholas.pieper@noaa.gov) at least 7

business days prior to the meeting for accommodation.

Dated: August 31, 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA429]

#### 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ecosystem and Ocean Planning (EOP) and the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels will hold a public webinar meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place over webinar with a telephone-only connection option. Details on how to connect to the webinar by computer and by telephone will be available at: <http://www.mafmc.org/ssc>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council's EOP and Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels will be meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce advisory panel members to goals, process, and expectations associated with conducting a management strategy evaluation (MSE). Later this year, the Council will begin conducting an MSE as part of its Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) structured decision framework that will evaluate the biological and economic