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Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the MEP Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meeting agenda will include an update on the MEP programmatic operations, as well as provide guidance and advice on current activities related to the MEP National Network™ 2017–2022 Strategic Plan. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board website at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the MEP Advisory Board’s business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments at the end of the meeting. Speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be no more than three to five minutes each. Requests must be submitted by email to [cheryl.gendron@nist.gov](mailto:cheryl.gendron@nist.gov) and must be received by February 16, 2021 to be considered. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board website at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>.

[www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm](http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm). Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda or those who are/were unable to attend the meeting are invited to submit written statements electronically by email to [cheryl.gendron@nist.gov](mailto:cheryl.gendron@nist.gov).

**Admittance Instructions:** All participants will be attending via webinar. Please contact Ms. Gendron at 301–975–2785 or [cheryl.gendron@nist.gov](mailto:cheryl.gendron@nist.gov) for detailed instructions on how to join the webinar. All requests must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Friday, February 19, 2021.

**Kevin A. Kimball,**  
Chief of Staff.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XA719]

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of scientific research permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a scientific research permit (Permit 18761–2R) to the University of California, Santa Cruz, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The research is intended to increase knowledge of black abalone listed under the ESA and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

**ADDRESSES:** Because all West Coast NMFS offices are currently closed, the permit and related documents are only available for review upon written request via email to [nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov) (please include the permit number in the subject line of the email).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rob Clapp, Portland, OR (phone: 503–231–2314, fax: 503–230–5441, email: [Robert.Clapp@noaa.gov](mailto:Robert.Clapp@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 17, 2020, that a request for a permit renewal had been submitted by the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC). To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number and **Federal Register** notice information provided in the table below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Issuance date
18761–2R ..	0648–XA286	University of California, Santa Cruz—Long Marine Laboratory, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Responsible Party: Peter Raimondi).	85 FR 43540; July 17, 2020 ..	November 12, 2020.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

**Authority**

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on finding that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage

of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Dated: December 10, 2020.

**Angela Somma,**  
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XA682]

**Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshops; correction.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the date for the Atlantic Shark Identification

workshop originally scheduled for November 12, 2020, in Largo, FL, has been changed. The new date is January 7, 2021. The workshop time and location remain unchanged: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on January 7, 2021, in Largo, FL. Atlantic Shark Identification workshops are mandatory for Atlantic shark dealers. Additional free workshops will be conducted during 2021.

**DATES:** The date for the Atlantic Shark Identification workshop originally scheduled for Largo, FL, on November 12, 2020, is changed to January 7, 2021. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

**ADDRESSES:** The address of the Atlantic Shark Identification workshop to be held in Largo, FL, remains unchanged. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Pearson by phone: (727) 824-5399, or by email at [rick.a.pearson@noaa.gov](mailto:rick.a.pearson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding the Atlantic Shark Identification workshops are posted online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-shark-identification-workshops>.

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** of August 24, 2020, in FR Doc. 2020-18520, on page 52094, in the third column, correct the date of the second Atlantic Shark Identification workshop listed under the heading “Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations” to read:

“2. January 7, 2021, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., Hampton Inn, 100 East Bay Drive, Largo, FL 33770.”

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

Dated: December 9, 2020.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA690]

#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the South Quay Wall Recapitalization Project, Mayport, Florida

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from the United States Navy (Navy) for the re-issuance of a previously issued incidental harassment authorization (IHA) with the change being a modification to the effective dates. The initial IHA authorizes take of one species of marine mammal, by Level B harassment only, incidental to pile driving associated with the South Quay Wall Recapitalization Project, Naval Station Mayport, Florida. The project has been delayed and none of the work covered in the current IHA has been conducted. The Navy has requested the IHA be re-issued with the following effective dates: January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The scope of the activities and anticipated effects remain the same, authorized take numbers are not changed, and the required mitigation, monitoring, and reporting remains the same as included in the initial IHA. Therefore, NMFS re-issued the IHA.

**DATES:** The authorization is effective from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy of the original and re-issued IHAs, the Navy’s application, and the **Federal Register** notices proposing and issuing the previous and new IHAs may be obtained by visiting <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-south-quay-wall-recapitalization-project-naval-station-mayport>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaclyn Daly, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA); 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

#### Summary of Request

On July 26, 2019, NMFS issued an IHA authorizing take of marine mammals incidental to the Navy’s South Quay Wall Recapitalization Project, Mayport, Florida (84 FR 37841; August 2, 2019). The effective dates of that IHA were February 15, 2020 through February 14, 2021. On December 2, 2019, the Navy notified us that the project was delayed and requested we reissue the IHA with effective dates of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, which we did on February 18, 2020 (85 FR 10153, February 21, 2020). However, on September 25, 2020, the Navy indicated the project was further delayed and none of the work considered under the original IHA has occurred; thus, they requested the IHA be re-issued again with new effective dates. The effective dates of this third IHA do not extend beyond one year from the effective dates of the initial IHA. The new effective dates are January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. NMFS has issued a new IHA with modified effective dates.