

Update on the Development of Brown and White Shrimp Empirical Dynamic Models. Lastly, the Committees will receive public comment before addressing any items under Other Business.

Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be also be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take-action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 9, 2022.

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

[RTID 0648-XB798]

Marine Mammals; File No. 26254

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), 1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701 (Responsible Party: Lori Quakenbush), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on ice seals in Alaska.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before March 16, 2022.

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. 26254 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 26254 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Carrie Hubbard, (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), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant requests a permit to conduct scientific research on spotted (*Phoca largha*), ringed (*Pusa hispida*), bearded (*Erignathus barbatus*), and ribbon (*Histiophoca fasciata*) seals in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas of Alaska. The purpose of this research is to monitor the status and health of seal species by analyzing samples from the subsistence harvest and by documenting movements and habitat use by tracking animals with satellite transmitters. In addition to sampling harvested seals, the applicant would capture up to 50 bearded seals, 20 ribbon seals, 50 ringed seals, and 50 spotted seals per year that would be sedated, measured, sampled (*e.g.*, blood and skin), flipper tagged, and fitted with

transmitters. The applicant requests to capture an additional 50 bearded seals, 20 ribbon seals, 50 ringed seals, and 50 spotted seals per year that would be measured, sampled, and flipper tagged but not fitted with external instruments. The applicant also requests permission to harass non-target seals of all four pinniped species as well as beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*). The applicant requests up to five mortalities per species per year for pinniped captures and one mortality of a beluga whale annually due to accidental entanglement in pinniped capture nets. Samples would be imported from Russia, Canada, Svalbard (Norway) and exported to Canada for analyses. The permit would be valid for 5 years.

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 8, 2022.

Julia M. 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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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) will hold a public online meeting.

DATES: The online meeting will be held Friday, March 4, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this online meeting is to discuss the next steps in the authorization process for commercial offshore wind energy leasing, including a description of proposed offshore wind (OSW) planning Call Area(s) off the Oregon Coast and to solicit public comment. This meeting will include representatives from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), who will provide a presentation on the proposed Call Area(s), followed by discussion with the MPC and meeting participants. The meeting is open to all interested parties with a primary audience focus of fishery sector participants and stakeholders that operate in Oregon, particularly in the Oregon offshore wind planning area (see www.boem.gov/OR_PlanningArea_NOAAChart). The proposed Call Area(s) are scheduled to be presented at the February 25, 2022, meeting of the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (Task Force) meeting (see www.boem.gov/Oregon for meeting information). This MPC meeting follows the Task Force meeting, with the objective of continued outreach and engagement. BOEM may schedule or be invited to participate in additional sector-specific meetings to continue outreach and engagement efforts related to OSW planning activities. The meeting agenda and instructions on attending the meeting will be available on the Pacific Council's website in advance of the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act,

provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 9, 2022.

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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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the following: Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee; Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Mackerel Cobia Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee, and Executive Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and a meeting of the Full Council.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held from 1 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, until 12 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel, 110 Ocean Way, Jekyll Island, GA 31527; phone: (912) 635-4545. The meeting will also be available via webinar. Registration is required. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8440 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting information, including agendas, overviews, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/>

council-meetings/. Webinar registration links for the meeting will also be available from the Council's website.

Public comment: Public comment on agenda items may be submitted through the Council's online comment form available from the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>. Comments will be accepted from February 18, 2022, until March 11, 2022. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration.

The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

Council Session I, Monday, March 7, 2022, 1 p.m. Until 4 p.m.

The Council will receive reports from state agencies, Council liaisons, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Council will then receive an update on the Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment and discuss use of the Allocation Decision Tool for informing future sector allocations decisions.

SEDAR Committee, Monday, March 7, 2022, 4 p.m. Until 5 p.m.

The Committee will review and approve the Terms of Reference for the Yellowtail Snapper Interim Analysis and the Statement of Work for Golden Tilefish.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 8:30 a.m. Until 10 a.m.

The Committee will consider options for a Size Limit and Recreational Limits Framework Amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic and consider approving for public scoping. The Committee will also review and approve topics for the spring 2022 meeting of the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP).

Mackerel Cobia Committee, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 10 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Committee will receive input from the Law Enforcement AP on Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Amendment 34 to allow retention of cut/damaged king mackerel for the recreational sector. CPM Amendment 34 addresses other management measures for Atlantic king mackerel and for Spanish mackerel in the South Atlantic. The Committee will consider approving CMP Amendment 34 for Secretarial review. The Committee will review CMP Amendment 33 addressing management of Gulf migratory group