

effort, although some of them may be unintentionally captured as their range overlaps with Striped bass in the study area.

ESA-listed salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon may be collected via hook-and-line angling or observed by camera or sonar. All listed fish captured would be handled (enumerated, measured, and checked for marks or tags), and released. Sampling would be limited to 6 to 10 days per month, and the permit would authorize no mortalities for listed fish. The information to be gathered is expected to benefit listed species by providing resource managers data to help them assess predation risks to outmigrating salmonids and juvenile southern DPS green sturgeon in the Sacramento River.

Permit 26626

Under permit 26626, the National Park Service (NPS) is seeking a new 5 year permit that would authorize them to annually take adult and juvenile PS Chinook salmon and PS steelhead, as well as subadult PS steelhead and spawned carcasses of both species, in the Elwha River Basin in Clallam County, Washington. The purpose of the study is to continue monitoring the recolonization of Pacific salmonids and lamprey after dam removal in the Elwha River. The majority of fish encountered during this study would be observed during snorkel surveys but not handled. Small numbers of juveniles of both species would be collected via backpack electrofishing, and captured juveniles would be anesthetized, tissue-sampled and marked prior to release. Adult PS Chinook salmon and PS steelhead would be collected via tangle net and hook-and-line angling in addition to observations during snorkel surveys. Captured adults would be anesthetized, tissue sampled, and tagged with a Floy, internal radio, or external radio tag prior to release. Spawned adults and post-spawn carcasses would be counted during spawning surveys. Subadult PS steelhead would also be observed during snorkel surveys and captured via tangle nets and hook-and-line angling; these fish would also be anesthetized, tissue sampled, and tagged with a Floy, internal radio, or external radio tag prior to release. The researchers are not proposing to kill any of the listed fish being captured, but a small number may be killed as an inadvertent result of these activities.

The information gathered from this work would help scientists and managers assess spatial extent, relative abundance, migration patterns, and life history attributes of Pacific salmonids and map how those factors relate to four

stages of restoration in the Elwha River: protection, recolonization, local adaptation, and recovered. This project is designed to generate data for assessing the life history responses of migratory salmonids to dam removal, and the work would help resource managers involved with the Elwha Ecosystem Restoration Project better carry out PS steelhead and Chinook recovery actions.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 23, 2022.

Lisa Manning,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species 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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Marine Mammals; File No. 26602

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Alison Stimpert, Ph.D., Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, 8272 Moss Landing Rd, Moss Landing, CA 95039, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 28, 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. 26602 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. 26602 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:

Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Amy Hapeman, (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 5-year permit to take marine mammals in the Pacific Ocean to describe fine-scale foraging, determine types of acoustic behavior and how these are affected by anthropogenic noise, characterize populations, increase understanding of biomechanics and physiology, and assess impacts of offshore wind energy systems. Up to 14 species of cetaceans may be targeted for research including the following ESA-listed species: blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*; Western North Pacific distinct population segment [DPS]); humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*; Western North Pacific, Mexico, and Central America DPSs), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales. Researchers would conduct vessel surveys, including unmanned aircraft systems, for observations, photography and video recording, photo-identification, photogrammetry, passive acoustic recording, prey mapping, biological sampling (sloughed skin and skin and blubber biopsy), tagging (suction-cup and dart tags), and tracking. Two species of non-listed pinnipeds may be harassed during research. See the application for numbers of animals requested by species and procedure.

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: August 23, 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

Establishing an Advisory Council Pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and Solicitation for Applications for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA is establishing a national marine sanctuary advisory council for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, which was designated on August 16, 2021. The council will provide advice and recommendations to ONMS regarding the sanctuary management plan and will serve as liaisons between the sanctuary and constituents and community groups. ONMS is adding the new council to the list of established national marine sanctuary advisory councils. ONMS solicits applications to fill council seats on an as needed basis and is seeking applicants for seats on the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. This notice contains web page links and contact information for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary and application materials to apply for the newly established advisory council.

DATES: Applications for membership on the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council need to be postmarked or received by October 1, 2022.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact: Russ Green, Sanctuary Superintendent, Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, One University Drive, University of Green

Bay-Sheboygan Campus, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or call 989-766-3359, email russ.green@noaa.gov, or fax 989-354-0144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1445a) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to establish advisory councils to advise and make recommendations regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. ONMS is establishing a new sanctuary advisory council for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary to serve as a liaison with the local community and to provide guidance and advice to ONMS regarding the sanctuary management plan. ONMS is adding the new advisory council to the list of sites with open vacancies and announcing that it is soliciting applications to fill the seats of this council. Applications are due October 1, 2022.

In the following Supplementary Information section, NOAA provides details regarding ONMS, the role of advisory councils, and contact information for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

II. Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS)

ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 620,000 square miles or 1,600,000 square kilometers of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 15 national marine sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies.

One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. Advisory councils are community-based groups established to provide advice and recommendations to ONMS on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship, as well as to serve as liaisons between their constituents in

the community and the site. Pursuant to Section 315(a) of the NMSA, advisory councils are exempt from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Additional information on ONMS and its advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>.

III. Advisory Council Membership

Under Section 315 of the NMSA, advisory council members may be appointed from among: (1) Persons employed by Federal or State agencies with expertise in natural resources management; (2) members of relevant regional fishery management councils; and (3) representatives of local user groups, conservation and other public interest organizations, scientific organizations, educational organizations, or others interested in the protection and multiple use management of sanctuary resources. 16 U.S.C. 1455a(b).

The charter for each advisory council defines the number and type of seats and positions on the council. The advisory council charter for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary identifies the following non-governmental voting seat types: Citizen-at-Large, Diving/Dive Clubs/Archaeology, History, Heritage and Public Interpretation, Education (K-12), Education (Higher Education), Tourism and Marketing, Economic Development, Fishing, Recreation, and Maritime Industry. Additionally, the council will also have non-voting seats for: United States Coast Guard, Ozaukee County, Sheboygan County, Manitowoc County, Kewaunee County, City of Port Washington, City of Sheboygan, City of Manitowoc and City of Two Rivers.

Recognizing the cultural significance of this area to American Indian Nations and Tribes, ONMS welcomes the participation of interested Nations and Tribes on the advisory council. This could involve multiple Nations and Tribes. Nations and Tribes interested in participating in the advisory council should contact the sanctuary superintendent. Participation on the council does not take the place of government-to-government consultation nor does it serve as the only opportunity for engagement between NOAA and American Indian Nations and Tribes.

For each of the existing advisory councils, applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; views regarding the protection and management of marine or Great Lakes resources; and possibly (though not required) the length of residence in the