

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 home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 28294 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. 28294 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: Erin Markin, Ph.D. or Malcolm Mohead, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of 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 to conduct research on Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon in freshwater and estuary areas of the Delaware River. Research objectives would include assessing and quantifying the presence of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon at the egg, larval, juvenile and sub-adult/adult life stages. Other studies would also include assessing sturgeon home range, individual movement patterns, seasonal movements, habitat use, nursery areas, over-wintering habitat use, population dynamics, and habitat assessment.

Up to 265 juvenile and 25 adult/sub-adult shortnose sturgeon and 265 juvenile and 5 adult/sub-adult Atlantic sturgeon would be captured by gill net or trawl, measured, weighed, biologically sampled (tissue), marked (passive integrated transponder), and photographed/videoed, annually, prior to release. Sub-sets of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon may be anesthetized and implanted with acoustic transmitters, gastric lavaged, and fin ray sampled. The applicant requests one unintentional mortality of juvenile and adult/subadult shortnose sturgeon and one juvenile Atlantic sturgeon annually, but no more than two of each species life stage over the life of the permit.

A total 300 shortnose and 100 Atlantic sturgeon of early life stages would be taken in directed lethal

research annually. The permit would be valid for up to 10 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: October 21, 2024.

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

[RTID 0648-XE413]

Endangered Species; File No. 21467

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Karen Holloway-Adkins, Ph.D., East Coast Biologists, Inc., P.O. Box 33715, Indialantic, FL 32903, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 21467-02.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: The modification request 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 home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 21467 Mod 6 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. 21467 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: Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 21467-02, issued on July 2, 2021 (86 FR 43630, August 10, 2021), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (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).

Permit No. 21467-02 authorizes the permit holder to determine (1) spatial and temporal distribution, (2) mean size, (3) foraging habitats and diet composition, (4) body conditions and fibropapillomatosis ratios, (5) genetic origin, and (6) home-range, site fidelity, and residency times of green (*Chelonia mydas*) and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles in Brevard County, Florida. Researchers may capture by tangle, cast, or dip net or hand, measure, mark, biologically sample, tag, weigh, and photograph sea turtles prior to release. The permit holder requests authorization to (1) increase the annual number of juvenile green sea turtles from 25 to 95 for the authorized methods listed above and (2) add 10 adult green turtles annually for capture by tangle net, measure, and photograph/video, prior to release. The permit is valid through September 30, 2027.

Dated: October 21, 2024.

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

[RTID 0648-XE418]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory bodies will meet November 13-18, 2024, in Costa Mesa, CA and via webinar. The Council meeting will be live streamed with the opportunity to provide public comment remotely.

DATES: The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10 a.m., Pacific Time (PT), reconvening at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 15 through Monday, November 18, 2024. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Thursday, November 14, 2024, to

address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Hilton Orange County at 3050 Bristol Street in Costa Mesa, CA 92626; telephone: (714) 540-7000. Specific meeting information, including directions on joining the meeting, connecting to the live stream broadcast, 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: Mr. Merrick Burden, Executive Director, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280 or (866) 806-7204 toll-free, or access the Pacific Council website, www.pcouncil.org, for the proposed agenda and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The November 13-18, 2024 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 10 a.m. PT Thursday, November 14, 2024, and 8 a.m. PT Friday, November 15 through Monday, November 18, 2024. Broadcasts end when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion for the public is listen-only except that an opportunity for oral public comment will be provided prior to Council Action on each agenda item. Additional information and instructions on joining or listening to the meeting can be found on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org).

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as "Final" refer to actions the Council may take requiring the transmission of a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, and advisory entity meeting times, are described in Agenda Item A.3, Proposed Council Meeting

Agenda, and will be in the advance November 2024 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council website at www.pcouncil.org no later than Friday, October 25, 2024.

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda
4. Executive Director's Report

B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

C. Administrative Matters

1. Council Coordination Committee Report
2. Fiscal Matters
3. Legislative Matters
4. Approve Council Meeting Record
5. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures—Including Final 2025-27 Advisory Body Appointments
6. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

D. Cross Fishery Management Plan

1. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 2024 Accomplishments and 2025 Priorities
2. Marine Planning
3. Research and Data Needs
4. Council Operations and Priorities

E. Habitat Issues

1. Current Habitat Issues

F. Salmon Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Final Methodology Review Results and Proposed Council Operating Procedure (COP) 15 Updates
3. Queets Spring/Summer Chinook Rebuilding Plan—Final
4. Final 2025 Preseason Management Schedule
5. Klamath River Fall Chinook Workgroup Progress Report and Recommendations
6. Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup Progress Report and Recommendations

G. Pacific Halibut Management

1. 2025 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations—Final
2. Commercial Fishery Regulation Changes: Vessel Monitoring Systems, Seabird Avoidance, and Catch Reporting—Final

H. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. International Management Activities including Bluefin Tuna Trip Limits
3. Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures—Final
4. Highly Migratory Species Roadmap Workshop Report and Next Steps

I. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 2. Trawl Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Reviews: Hearing Officers and Locations
 3. Methodology Review: Final Fishery Impact Model Review Topics and Stock Assessment Methodologies
 4. Stock Definitions for Species Assessed in 2025 and 2027—Final
 5. Cordell Bank Conservation Area Revisions
 6. Inseason Adjustments and Technical Corrections for 2025-2026—Final Action
- J. Coastal Pelagic Species Management**
1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 2. Pacific Sardine Rebuilding Plan Fishery Management Plan Amendment (FMP)—Final
 3. Stock Assessment Prioritization

Advisory Body Agendas

Advisory body agendas will include discussions of relevant issues that are on the Pacific Council agenda for this meeting and may also include issues that may be relevant to future Council meetings. Proposed advisory body agendas for this meeting will be available on the Pacific Council website, www.pcouncil.org, no later than Friday, October 25, 2024 by the end of the business day.

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Day 1—Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.
 Salmon Technical Team 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Legislative Committee 10 a.m.
 Budget Committee 2 p.m.
 Enforcement Consultants 2 p.m.

Day 2—Thursday, November 14, 2024

Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
 California State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Salmon Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Scientific and Statistical Committee 8 a.m.

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.

Highly Migratory Species Management Team 8 a.m.

Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants As Necessary

Day 3—Friday, November 15, 2024

Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
 California State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team 8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.

Highly Migratory Species Management Team 8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants As Necessary
Day 4—Saturday, November 16, 2024

Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team 8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants As Necessary, Online

Day 5—Sunday, November 17, 2024

Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel 8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team 8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants As Necessary, Online

Day 6—Monday, September 23, 2024

Oregon State Delegation 7 a.m.
California State Delegation 7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation 7 a.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 business days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 23, 2024.

Key Israel Marquez,

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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Maintenance and Rehabilitation of the Bellingham Shipping Terminal

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of renewal incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued a renewal incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the Port of Bellingham to incidentally harass marine mammals incidental to maintenance and rehabilitation of the Bellingham Shipping Terminal in Bellingham, WA.

DATES: This renewal IHA is effective from November 7, 2024 through November 7, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the original application, renewal request, and supporting documents (including NMFS **Federal Register** notices of the initial proposed and final authorizations, and the proposed renewal IHA), as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-port-bellinghams-bellingham-shipping-terminal-bellingham>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Cockrell, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the 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 promulgated or, if the taking is limited

to harassment, an incidental harassment authorization is issued.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation measures”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definition of key terms such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact” can be found in the MMPA and NMFS’s implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

NMFS’ regulations implementing the MMPA at 50 CFR 216.107(e) indicate that IHAs may be renewed for additional periods of time not to exceed 1 year for each reauthorization. In the notice of proposed IHA for the initial IHA, NMFS described the circumstances under which we would consider issuing a renewal for this activity, and requested public comment on a potential renewal under those circumstances. Specifically, on a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-time 1-year renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical, or nearly identical, activities as described in the Detailed Description of Specified Activities section of the initial IHA issuance notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the Description of the Specified Activities and Anticipated Impacts section of the initial IHA issuance notice will not be completed by the time the initial IHA expires and a renewal will allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the **DATES** section of the notice of issuance of the initial IHA, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond 1 year from expiration of the initial IHA);

2. The request for renewal must include the following: