

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 225 McClellan Highway, E. Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 569-5250.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review the Scallop Plan Development (PDT) Teams estimates of management reference points including maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for the scallop fishery resource and make recommendations about the appropriate scallop management reference points for adoption by the Council.

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 5, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050506A]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management

Council's Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC).

SUMMARY: The PNCIAC will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 23, 2006, 9 a.m. until noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Leif Erickson Lodge Hall, 2245 NW 57th Street, in Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda:

(1) Review Alaska Department of Fish & Game analysis of observer data defining the extent of the problem of discarding in Bristol Bay king crab fishery; and (2) Initiate discussion about mechanisms, issues and incentives to improve retention of king crab and snow crab in the Bering Sea rationalized fisheries.

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Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071105F]

Marine Mammals; File No. 948-1692-00

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that D. Ann Pabst, Ph.D., Biological Sciences and Center for Marine Science, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 601 S. College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28403 has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubbard or Dr. Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 7, 2004, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (69 FR 18358) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Northern right whales (*Balaena glacialis*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and other non-listed cetaceans had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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).

Permit No. 948-1692-00 authorizes the Holder to conduct aerial and shipboard surveys of North Atlantic right whales and humpback whales in coastal and offshore waters of the mid-