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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Kristy Beard, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests authorization to import two male adult captive-born bottlenose dolphins from Dolphin Quest in Hamilton, HM FX, Bermuda to The Mirage Casino-Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. The applicant requests this import for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility, The Mirage, is: (1) open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging for an admission fee; (2) offers an educational program based on professionally accepted standards; and (3) holds an Exhibitor's License, number 88-C-0074, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131-59).

In addition to determining whether the applicant meets the three public display criteria, NMFS must determine whether the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed activity is humane and does not represent any unnecessary risks to the health and welfare of marine mammals; that the proposed activity by itself, or in combination with other activities, will not likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock; and that the applicant's expertise, facilities, and resources are adequate to accomplish successfully the objectives and activities stated in the application.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 22, 2009.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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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#### 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 committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Crab Plan Team will meet May 11, 12, 15, 2009. Additionally, a public workshop on Alaska Crab Stock Assessments will be held May 13-14.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held May 11-15, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in the Traynor Room at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Bldg 4, 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, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Crab Plan will begin Monday May 11 at 8:30 a.m. through Tuesday May 12. The Alaska Crab Stock Assessment Workshop will begin on May 13 at 8:30 a.m. and go through May 14. The Crab Plan team will reconvene Friday May 15 at 8:30 a.m.

The Plan Team agenda includes the following: Discussion and recommendations on groundfish catch accounting for crab stock assessments; Reanalysis of the Eastern Bering Sea bottom trawl survey results; Overview of crab stock assessment, stock status, over fishing levels (OFL), plans for Center for Independent Experts review, and proposed model-based assessment tier recommendations; Pribilof Island Blue King Crab rebuilding plan alternatives; Modification of the St Matthew Habitat Conservation area; Discard rates and PSC caps for groundfish and scallop fisheries. The agenda for the Crab Stock Assessment Workshop includes discussion and evaluation of all aspects of data, methodology, and alternative approaches for assessing crab stocks.

The agenda for both meeting will be posted at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

## Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 22, 2009.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Herring Advisory Panel will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 433-5649.

*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 items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

1. Review/discuss management measures and alternatives under development in Amendment 4 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP); develop related Advisory Panel comments/recommendations for Herring Committee consideration.

2. Advisory Panel discussion will focus primarily on catch monitoring alternatives and issues associated with feasibility, compliance, costs, and impacts on fishing operations; catch monitoring alternatives may include