above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301) 713–2289.

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.), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The purpose of the proposed research is to continue long-term studies on northern elephant seals in California, including population growth and status, reproductive strategies, behavioral and physiological adaptations for diving and fasting, general physiology and metabolism, and sensory capacities. Northern elephant seals, totaling a maximum of 3,930 animals per year over 5 years, would be taken by harassment during some or all of the following: behavioral observations, marking, flipper tagging, capture and biological sampling, attachment of instrumentation for tracking, translocation studies, short-term capture for laboratory studies, use of standard clinical tracer techniques, and acoustic studies (recordings, playbacks of natural calls, and tagging devices). The applicant requests unintentional mortality of up to 5 elephant seals per year; and euthanasia of up to 10 moribund pups per year. Incidental harassment of northern elephant seals and California sea lions is also requested.

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.


P. Michael Payne,
Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XV88
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.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) groundfish plan teams will meet via teleconference May 6, 2010, 12:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (AST) to review proposals for models to be considered for inclusion in the GOA and BSAI Pacific cod assessments.

DATES: The teleconference will be held on May 6, 2010; telephone: (907) 271–2896.

ADDRESSES: Listening sites - North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK; and Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Seattle, WA.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo: North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda: Review proposals for models Pacific cod stock assessments. The agenda is posted on the Council website at: http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/

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, (907) 271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XV85
Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s (MAFMC) Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting via webinar.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The webinar will be held at the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Details concerning participation on the webinar will be posted on the Council’s website at www.mafmc.org. Interested members of the public may observe remotely via computer and/or phone access or may attend the meeting in person at the Mid-Atlantic Council offices located at 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901. Topics to be discussed include 2011 annual quota recommendations and associated management measures for Atlantic mackerel, Loligo and Illex squid and butterfish.

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Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee’s agenda are as follows: Review and discuss available information regarding river herring bycatch in the Atlantic herring fishery provided by the Herring Plan Development Team (PDT); develop management measures and alternatives to address river herring bycatch for consideration in Amendment 5 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP); discuss elements of Amendment 5 catch monitoring alternatives that relate to documenting and monitoring river herring bycatch; address other elements of Amendment 5 catch monitoring alternatives; address other elements of Amendment 5 as time permits, address other business.

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Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The terms of reference for this meeting include: (1) Review stock assessment information and specify overfishing level and acceptable biological (ABC) for Atlantic mackerel and butterfish for 2011; review and comment on proposed 2011 quota specifications and management measures for Atlantic mackerel, butterfish, Loligo and Illex; and (2) review stock assessment information and specify overfishing level and ABC for Atlantic surfclams and ocean quahogs for 2011–13. In addition, the SSC will discuss the status of the management strategy evaluation study being conducted by the University of Maryland.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XV64
Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s (MAFMC) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, May 12, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Four Points, 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD 21240; telephone: (410) 859–3300.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XV95
New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: 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 (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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