to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Kristy Beard, (301) 734-2289.


The applicant requests a permit to conduct passive acoustics, videography, photo-identification surveys, biopsy sampling, and collect sloughed skin and/or feces to study humpback whales, killer whales and minke whale. Research would occur around southeastern Alaska especially in Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Up to 6300 humpback whales, 500 killer whales, and 20 minke whales could be harassed each year during photo-identification surveys. Additionally, humpback whales and the three killer whale ecotypes could be harassed up to 50 times each, to acquire 30 successful biopsy samples, per year. See the application for specific take numbers by species/stock. The purposes of the proposed research are to: (1) Study the ecology, behavior and population status of all demographic groups in humpback, killer, and minke whales, (2) continue one of the longest and most complete time-series data set on humpback whale populations, and (3) document long-term trends in the abundance, spatial and temporal distribution, reproductive parameters and feeding behaviors of humpback, killer, and minke whales, which would enhance information-based resource management of these species in the waters of southeastern Alaska, primarily in and around Glacier Bay National Park and Reserve. The permit would be valid for a period of five years.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft EA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit application.

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: May 23, 2011.

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
RIN 0648–XA458
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee will hold a CLOSED meeting from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. The Council will hold a OPEN meeting from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will hold a CLOSED meeting from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. An Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Public Meeting will be held from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. A Cooperative Research Program Public Meeting will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 15—The Executive Committee meeting will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The Council will convene at 12 p.m. The Council will convene at 12:30 p.m. The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. The Visioning Committee will convene at 12:30 p.m. The RSA Committee with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft EA is available for review and comment.
discuss the purpose and need for the Council Listening Sessions, receive a Council Coordination Committee meeting overview, and discuss the Council budget. The Surflasm, Ocean Quahog and Tilefish Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to review and consider changes to the 2012 and 2013 quota specifications for surflasm and ocean quahogs. The Visioning Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to review and finalize governance structure for the project, discuss plans for initial awareness phase of project and review the approach for the data collection phase of the project. The SMB Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to develop 2012 quota specifications and associated management measures, clarify Council intent on any Amendment 11 regulatory issues if necessary, receive an update from NERO regarding August 4, 2010 Council letter asking NMFS to pursue a Transboundary Resource Sharing Agreement with Canada for Atlantic mackerel. The Council will consider a request from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for special management zones. The Council will hold a Council Listening Session.

On Thursday, June 16—The Council will convene to receive an update on MRIP implementation and an update on Council staff involvement in 2011 MRIP projects. The Council will receive a presentation on National Standard 10 from a NMFS Official. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the April 2011 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, receive an update on OLE Activities from Mitch MacDonald, receive the New England Liaison Report, receive an update on Amendment 6 to the Monkfish FMP, the Executive Director’s Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action unless previously scheduled. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed on the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 24, 2011.

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

RIN 0648–XA459

International Whaling Commission; 63rd Annual Meeting; Announcement of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the dates, times, and locations of the public meetings being held prior to the 63rd annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting.

DATES: The public meetings will be held June 14 and June 27, 2011, at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The June 14 meeting will be held at Anchorage Federal Building Conference Room B, 222 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. The June 27 meeting will be held in the NOAA Auditorium, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, at 12 p.m. Photo identification is required to enter each building.

Special Accommodations

Both meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ryan Wulff, 202–482–3689, by June 10, 2011, for the Anchorage meeting, or by June 20 for the meeting in Silver Spring.

Dated: May 24, 2011.

Rebecca J. Lent,
Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA460

South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a joint meeting of its Executive/Finance Committees; meetings of its Standard Operating, Policy and Procedures (SOPPs) Committee; Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee; Law Enforcement