imports of steel wheels from the three mandatory respondents the Jingu Companies, Centurion Companies, and Xingmin Companies. Although the Preliminary Determination indicates that the Jingu Companies benefited from programs that are inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement, the Jingu Companies’ shipment data does not indicate a massive increase in shipments of subject merchandise to the United States. With regard to Centurion and Xingmin, there is no evidence on the record indicating that either company benefited from programs that are inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement and therefore we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances do not exist with regard to shipments from these two mandatory respondents.

We also preliminary determine, based on our analysis of the shipment data provided by the three mandatory respondents and ITC Dataweb data, that critical circumstances exist for imports from “all other” exporters of steel from the PRC. We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances for steel wheels from the PRC when we make our final determination concerning critical circumstances for steel wheels from the three mandatory respondents.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(e)(2)(A) of the Act, we are directing mandatory respondents the Jingu Companies, Centurion Companies, and Xingmin Companies, and 777(i)(1) of the Act. Although the Preliminary Determination indicates that the Jingu Companies benefited from programs that are inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement, the Jingu Companies’ shipment data does not indicate a massive increase in shipments of subject merchandise to the United States. With regard to Centurion and Xingmin, there is no evidence on the record indicating that either company benefited from programs that are inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement and therefore we preliminarily determine that critical circumstances do not exist with regard to shipments from these two mandatory respondents.

We also preliminary determine, based on our analysis of the shipment data provided by the three mandatory respondents and ITC Dataweb data, that critical circumstances exist for imports from “all other” exporters of steel from the PRC. We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances for steel wheels from the PRC when we make our final determination concerning critical circumstances for steel wheels from the three mandatory respondents.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 27, 2012.

Ronald K. Lorentzen
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XB055
North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and Alaska Board of Fisheries (AK BOF) Joint Protocol Committee.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council Joint Protocol Committee of the AK BOF and Council will meet in March in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 19, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Aleutian Room, 500 W. Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK. Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: AK BOF Staff; telephone: (907) 465–4110 or Council staff; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review the following:

- Status of Tanner Rebuilding, review pending actions; Status of Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Halibut Bycatch, review pending actions; Status of Salmon Chum Bycatch, review of actions on Bering Sea (BS) Chinook, review of actions on GOA Chinook, review of pending actions on BS chum salmon bycatch; Status of GOA Pacific cod (discussion papers): reverse parallel jig fishery, revise “A” season opening date in GOA, limiting other gear on board while jig fishing; Close waters to bottom/开阔海域 (BS) jewellery, review of actions on Bering Sea (BS) Chum, review of pending actions on BS Chum Salmon bycatch; Status of GOA Pacific cod (discussion papers): reverse parallel jig fishery, revise “A” season opening date in GOA, limiting other gear on board while jig fishing; Close waters to bottom gear in Prince William Sound; Aleutian Islands golden king crab total allowable catch (TAC), remove minimum TAC in Bristol Bay red king crab fishery; statewide scallops. Determination of next committee meeting and/or full joint Board meeting: miscellaneous business.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice 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

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.


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–XB056
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Tilefish Monitoring Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings.

DATES: The SSC will meet Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The Tilefish Monitoring Committee will meet Wednesday, March 21, 2012 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Pier V Hotel, 711 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: (410) 539–2000.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the SSC meeting includes: 2012–14 ABC
SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that an application for a scientific research permit (File No. 16998) submitted by Mr. Gregory Walker, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, has been denied.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

- National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713–2289; fax (301) 427–2521; and Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115–0700; phone (206) 526–6150; fax (206) 526–6426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joselyd Garcia-Reyes and Kristy Beard, (301) 427–8401.


On November 3, 2011, a notice was published in the Federal Register (76 FR 68161) that a request for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The Whale Museum proposes to monitor and record vessel activities around marine mammal species routinely encountered by commercial and recreational vessels in the inland waters of Washington State. This research would contribute to a long-term data set (Orca Master) that has provided critical information on characterizing annual vessel trends around Southern Resident killer whales and an evaluation of the effectiveness of federal, state and local marine wildlife guidelines and regulations through the Soundwatch program. Research methods would include close vessel approach for photo-identification, behavioral observation, and monitoring. The main focus species are killer whales (Orcinus Orca) from the Southern Resident stock. Additionally, Pacific white-sided dolphins (Lagenorhynchus obliquidens), Dall’s porpoise (Phocoenoides dalli), harbor porpoise (Phocoena phocoena), eastern gray whale (Eschrichtius robustus), humpback whale (Megaptera novaeangliae), non-ESA listed killer whale, and minke whale (Balaeonoptera acutorostrata) may be harassed.

Under the pending permit application, The Whale Museum is requesting a change in Principal Investigator (PI) due to personnel changes within their organization. They request to have Eric Eisenhardt be designated as the new PI. No other changes to the permit application are requested.

Dated: February 27, 2012.

Tammy C. Adams,
Acting 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

RIN 0648–X9A14

Marine Mammals; File No. 16998

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

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