

5. Halibut Issues: Final action to allow Area 4B fish-up; Review Catch Share Plan(CSP) and action as necessary;.

6. Scallop Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation report (SAFE): Approve 2012/13 Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) and Overfishing Level (OFL) harvest specifications.

7. GOA Pacific Cod: Updated discussion paper on Pacific Cod jig management (reverse parallel); Discussion paper on limiting other gear on jig vessels; Discussion paper on GOA Pacific cod A-season opening dates.

8. Miscellaneous Issues: Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Research Program (BSIERP) Management Strategy Evaluation report; Discussion paper on Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) use and requirements; Programmatic Groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); Public workshop and SSC evaluation only; Report from the BSAI Crab Right of First Refusal (ROFR) Workgroup; Tanner crab model review (SSC only); Review GOA pollock Exempted Fishery Permit (EFP) (T).

9. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking.

10. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. BSAI Salmon Chum Bycatch
2. Scallop SAFE
3. Initial Review of Skates
4. Review Bering Sea Habitat Conservation Area Boundary
5. BSIERP Management Strategy Evaluation report
6. Groundfish Programmatic SEIS (public workshop and SSC evaluation)
7. Tanner crab model review
8. Review GOA Pollock EFP

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports. 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 these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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

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Dated: March 6, 2012.

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

[File No. 15844]

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Glacier Bay National Park and Reserve (Responsible Party: Susan Boudreau; Principal Investigator: Christine Gabriele), Gustavus, AK 99826 to conduct research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) and minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*).

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

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 27, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 30919) that a request for a permit to conduct research on humpback whales, killer whales, and minke whales had been submitted by the above-named applicant. 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. 15844 authorizes Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve 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 whales. Research would occur around southeastern Alaska especially in Glacier Bay National Park and 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. The permit is valid through February 28, 2017.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on February 24, 2012.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 5, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled.