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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Pursuant to Executive Order 11625, MBDA was created specifically to foster the establishment and growth of MBEs. MBDA promotes the strategic growth and expansion of MBEs by offering management and technical assistance through a nationwide network of 40 business centers. Among the 40 business centers, there are six NABECs and one satellite office specifically designed to serve the Native American and Alaska Native population providing overall business development assistance services and promoting the growth and competitiveness of eligible Native American and minority-owned businesses. The NABECs are located in the following cities: Mesa, Arizona; El Monte, California; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Seattle, Washington; Bismarck, North Dakota; and Anchorage, Alaska (satellite office). Each NABEC has a designated geographic area surrounding the state in which it is located, with the following exceptions: the NABEC in Seattle, Washington covers the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho; and the NABEC in Bismarck, North Dakota covers the states of North Dakota and South Dakota. The Anchorage, Alaska satellite office is operated from the NABEC located in Mesa, Arizona.

The NABEC services include, but are not limited to, initial consultations and assessments, business technical assistance, education, and access to federal and non-federal procurement and financing opportunities. Specific performance requirements and metrics are used by MBDA to evaluate each project and become a key component of the NABEC program. More information on the NABEC programs can be found on MBDA's Web site at <http://www.mbda.gov/main/grantcompetitions>.

Under the current program, federal funding for centers ranges from \$200,000 to \$297,500 and each center has a required cost share of 10 percent of total project cost. All six centers are under three-year cooperative agreements which expire in August 2012. MBDA expects to redesign the current NABEC program with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2012.

The Department's Tribal Consultation Official and Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs, Dee Alexander, will coordinate and schedule tribal consultations in conjunction with the MBDA Office of Business Development (OBD) regarding the business development services available to

Native American organizations through MBDA. MBDA has designed the webinars, as part of the tribal consultation schedule, to allow tribal governments and organizations an opportunity to provide information into the planned redesign of the current NABEC program. MBDA intends that the new program will be more cohesive and compatible for collaboration among the funded Centers so the Centers can achieve their program goals, expand operations, and participate in export initiatives and international deals aligned with President Obama's National Export Initiative (NEI).

##### II. Registration

Participants may register for the webinars online using the links provided below. The registration links may also be found on MBDA's Web site at [www.mbda.gov](http://www.mbda.gov).

- March 13, 2012, 3 p.m.–4 p.m. EDT. Webinar registration site: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW6862819&p=7403577&t=c>.

- March 15, 2012, 3 p.m.–4 p.m. EDT. Webinar registration site: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW6862819&p=7403577&t=c>.

If there are specific questions you would like MBDA to address during the webinars, please send your question(s) to MBDA no later than March 12, 2012. There will be time for questions from the participants at the end of each Webinar.

Dated: March 8, 2012.

**Josephine Arnold,**  
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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XB081**

##### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet March 31–April 6, 2012. The Pacific Council

meeting will begin on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 10 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday, April 6, 2012. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held at the end of the day on Sunday, April 1 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings of the Council will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel, 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101; telephone: (206) 621-9000.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820-2280 or (866) 806-7204 toll free; or access the Pacific Council Web site, <http://www.pcouncil.org> for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Call to Order
  1. Opening Remarks
  2. Roll Call
  3. Executive Director's Report
  4. Approve Agenda
- B. Open Comment Period
  - Comment on Non-Agenda Items
- C. Habitat
  - Current Habitat Issues
- D. Enforcement Issues
  - Current Enforcement Issues
- E. Salmon Management
  1. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Report
  2. Tentative Adoption of 2012 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis
  3. Sacramento Winter Run Impact Specifications
  4. Methodology Review Process and Preliminary Topic Selection for 2012
  5. Clarify Council Direction on 2012 Management Measures
  6. Southern Oregon-Northern California Coastal Coho Plan
  7. Final Action on 2012 Management Measures
- F. Pacific Halibut Management
  - Final Incidental Catch Recommendations for 2012 Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries
- G. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
  1. NMFS Report
  2. Exempted Fishing Permit for 2012 Northwest Aerial Sardine Survey
- H. Administrative Matters
  1. Coastal Marine Spatial Planning Update
  2. Legislative Matters
  3. Draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Conservation of Migratory Birds
  4. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures

5. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
- I. Groundfish Management
  1. NMFS Report
  2. Implementation of the 2012 Pacific Whiting Fishery under the U.S.-Canada Pacific Whiting Agreement
  3. Tentative Adoption of 2013–14 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures
  4. Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions and Allocation Amendments and Actions
  5. Reconsideration of Initial Individual Fishery Quotas in the At-Sea Mothership and Shoreside Pacific Whiting Trawl Fisheries
  6. Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review
  7. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
  8. Adoption of 2013–14 Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures

#### Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

##### Day 1—Saturday, March 31, 2012

Groundfish Management Team: 8 a.m.  
Habitat Committee: 8 a.m.  
Legislative Committee: 3 p.m.

##### Day 2—Sunday, April 1, 2012

California State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Washington State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team: 8 a.m.  
Model Evaluation Workgroup: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team: 8 a.m.  
Scientific and Statistical Committee: 8 a.m.  
Tribal Policy Group: 8 a.m.  
Tribal and Washington Technical Group: 8 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants: 4:30 p.m.  
Chair's Reception: 6 p.m.

##### Day 3—Monday, April 2, 2012

California State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Washington State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team: 8 a.m.  
Tribal Policy Group: 8 a.m.  
Tribal and Washington Technical Group: 8 a.m.  
Scientific and Statistical Committee Economic and Groundfish Subcommittees: 8:30 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants: As Necessary

##### Day 4—Tuesday, April 3, 2012

California State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Washington State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team: 8 a.m.

Tribal Policy Group: 8 a.m.  
Tribal and Washington Technical Group: 8 a.m.  
Electronic Monitoring Technical Presentation: 7 p.m.  
Enforcement Consultants: As Necessary  
*Day 5—Wednesday, April 4, 2012*  
California State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Washington State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team: 8 a.m.  
Tribal Policy Group: 8 a.m.  
Tribal and Washington Technical Group: 8 a.m.  
Observer Data Workshop: 7 p.m.  
Enforcement Consultants: As Necessary  
Integrated Ecosystem Analysis Informational Sessions: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

##### Day 6—Thursday, April 5, 2012

California State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Washington State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Groundfish Management Team: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Advisory Subpanel: 8 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team: 8 a.m.  
Tribal Policy Group: 8 a.m.  
Tribal and Washington Technical Group: 8 a.m.  
Enforcement Consultants: As Necessary

##### Day 7—Friday, April 6, 2012

California State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Oregon State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Washington State Delegation: 7 a.m.  
Salmon Technical Team: 8 a.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 8, 2012.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XA916**

#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Pile Placement for ORPC Maine's Cobscook Bay Tidal Energy Pilot Project

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to Ocean Renewable Power Company Maine, LLC (ORPC), allowing the take of small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment only, incidental to pile driving in Cobscook Bay, Maine.

**DATES:** Effective March 12, 2012, through March 11, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the IHA, the application, and the Environmental Assessment may be obtained by writing to Tammy Adams, Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or by telephoning the contact listed here (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or visiting the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications>. Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Magliocca, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who