SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Atlantic HMS are managed under the dual authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq., and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), 16 U.S.C. 971 et seq. Under the MSA, NMFS must ensure consistency with the National Standards and manage fisheries to maintain optimum yield, rebuild overfished fisheries, and prevent overfishing. ATCA authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to promulgate regulations, as may be necessary and appropriate, to implement the recommendations adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The authority to issue regulations under MSA and ATCA has been delegated from the Secretary to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. The implementing regulations for Atlantic HMS are at 50 CFR part 635.

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<td>July 17, 2012</td>
<td>4:30–7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Centro de Recursos para la Información y Educación Marina.</td>
<td>Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Mayagüez, Edificio de Física, Salón 310, Mayagüez, PR 00681.</td>
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<td>July 19, 2012</td>
<td>5:00–8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Center for Marine and Environmental Studies</td>
<td>University of the Virgin Islands, RR#1 Box 10,000, Evans Center, Theater/Room EVC 401, Kingshill, VI 00850–9781.</td>
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<td>August 7, 2012</td>
<td>5:00–8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Belle Chasse Auditorium</td>
<td>8398 HWY. 23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037.</td>
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<td>August 8, 2012</td>
<td>5:00–8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Grand Caillou Recreation Center</td>
<td>106 Badou Drive, Dulac, LA 70353.</td>
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<td>August 15, 2012</td>
<td>1:30–4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Bay County Government Center</td>
<td>840 W. 11th Street, Room #1030, Panama City, FL 32401.</td>
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<td>August 21, 2012</td>
<td>3:30–6:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Port Orange Regional Library</td>
<td>1005 City Center Circle, Port Orange, FL 32129.</td>
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<td>August 22, 2012</td>
<td>4:30–7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Seminole Community Library</td>
<td>9200 113th Street N., Seminole, FL 33772.</td>
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<td>August 23, 2012</td>
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<td>Tyrone Bryant Branch Library</td>
<td>2230 NW 21st Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.</td>
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<td>September 5, 2012</td>
<td>6:30–9:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Marathon Government Center</td>
<td>2798 Overseas Highway, Milemarker 48.5, EOC BOCC Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Marathon, FL 33050.</td>
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These workshops will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Delisse Ortiz at (301) 425–8503 or Jackie Wilson at (240) 338–3936 at least 7 days prior to the workshop date. The public is reminded that NMFS expects participants at the workshop to conduct themselves appropriately. At the beginning of each workshop, a representative of NMFS will explain the ground rules (e.g., alcohol is prohibited from the hearing room; each attendee will have an opportunity to ask questions; and attendees should not interrupt one another). Attendees are expected to respect the ground rules; if they do not, they will be asked to leave the workshop.


Emily H. Menashes,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) will meet July 16–17, 2012, in
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XB160

Marine Mammals; File No. 16193

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Todd Robeck, D.V.M, Ph.D., Sea World Parks and Entertainment Corp., 500 Sea World Drive, San Diego, CA 92109, has applied in due form for a permit to take, import, and export specimens of marine mammals for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov, and then selecting File No. 16193 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

- Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 3705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213; phone (562) 980–4001; fax (562) 980–4018.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to NMFS.PrtlComments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. 16193 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation 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: Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301) 427–8401.


The applicant is requesting authorization to receive, import, and export an unlimited number of cetacean and pinniped specimens (from several species of dolphin, pilot whales, beluga whales, killer whales, South American sea lions, Steller sea lions, and Hawaiian monk seals) including but not limited to reproductive cells and organs, urine, feces, teeth, skin, saliva, ocular and nasal secretions, and whole blood taken from dead or captive individuals to study reproductive physiology, including endocrinology, gamete biology, and cryophysiolog.

Specimens from dead animals, located solely within the jurisdiction of the U.S.A. or Canada, would be collected under the following circumstances: Legal subsistence harvesting; killed incidentally to fishing or other operations; found dead at sea or beached; or that died of natural causes. No specimens would be imported from animals killed during high seas drift net fisheries or during a direct fishery. From dead animals, samples from not more than 40 animals per species are anticipated to be collected per year. For captive animals, specimens would be collected from animals that are being housed in countries or situations where such activity is legal and from animals that have been behaviorally conditioned for specimen donation or during normal USDA approved animal husbandry procedures. For live animals, unlimited specimens would be collected for import or export from not more than 20 individual animals per species per year. Specimens may be taken at anytime of the year and in all areas worldwide where pinnipeds and cetaceans are found. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

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