

questions, please contact Dr. Long Phan by email at [disaster@nist.gov](mailto:disaster@nist.gov) or by telephone at 301-975-6077.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to the tornado that impacted Joplin, Missouri on May 22, 2011 (Joplin tornado), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) sent four engineers to the area to conduct a preliminary reconnaissance to conduct an initial assessment of the event to assist the NIST Director in determining whether a full technical investigation of the event was warranted. Based on the analysis of the data collected and other pertinent information, the NIST Director established a Team under the authorities of the National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Act (15 U.S.C. 7301 *et seq.*) on June 29, 2011 to conduct a detailed technical investigation. The establishment of the NCST Team was announced in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2011 (76 FR 42683).

The investigation objectives were:

1. Determine the tornado hazard characteristics and associated wind fields in the context of historical data.
2. Determine the response of residential, commercial, and critical buildings, including the performance of designated safe areas.
3. Determine the performance of lifelines as it relates to the continuity of operations of residential, commercial, and critical buildings.
4. Determine the pattern, location, and cause of fatalities and injuries, and associated emergency communications and public response.
5. Identify, as specifically as possible, areas in current building, fire, and emergency communications codes, standards, and practices that warrant revision.

The draft report outlines 47 findings related to the May 22, 2011, Joplin tornado and concludes with a list of 16 recommendations for action in areas of improved measurement and characterization of tornado hazards, new methods for tornado resistant design of buildings, enhanced guidance for community tornado sheltering, and improved and standardized emergency communications.

**Request for Public Comment:** Persons interested in commenting on the draft investigation report should submit their comments as instructed above. NIST will consider all comments received and may revise the report based on such comments. All comments will be made publicly available without redaction, so the public should not include personal or proprietary information in comments. All comments received in response to this notice will be made publicly

available without redaction, so members of the public should not include personal or proprietary information in comments.

Comments submitted should be specific to the maximum extent possible: they should clearly state the issue, location (page number, paragraph or sentence), provide a short reason for any suggested change, and provide suggested language for the requested revision.

Comments may be submitted to NIST in two ways. Comments may be submitted by email to [disaster@nist.gov](mailto:disaster@nist.gov), or by mail to:

NIST Technical Investigation Joplin, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Stop 8611, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8611.

All comments should contain the following information:

Name (Optional):

Affiliation (Optional):

Contact (Optional): Phone number or email address where the commenter can be contacted in case of questions about their comment

Page Number:

Paragraph/Sentence: (e.g., paragraph 2/sentences 2-4)

Comment:

Reason for Comment:

Suggestion for Revision:

Dated: November 26, 2013.

**Mary Saunders,**

*Associate Director for Management Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**[RIN 0648-XD010]**

### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meetings (conference calls).

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene two conference calls of its Groundfish Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee (EFHRC).

**DATES:** The first conference call will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2014, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. The second conference call will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2014, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** For those members of the public who wish to attend the conference call, a public listening station will be available at the Pacific Council offices: 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. Please contact the Pacific Council ahead of time if you wish to attend the public listening station.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the conference calls is to discuss and finalize the Phase 2 Report, which summarizes the status of the essential fish habitat periodic review, describes the proposals that were received, and makes recommendations to the Pacific Council for further action. The Phase 2 Report is scheduled to be considered by the Pacific Council at its March, 2014 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 EFHRC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

## Special Accommodations

This listening station is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, at (503) 820-2280, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 27, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**[RIN 0648-XD011]**

### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council)

will convene a meeting of its Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 7 through Thursday, January 9, 2014. The meeting will begin the first day at 10 a.m. and at 8 a.m. each subsequent day. The meeting will conclude each day at 5 p.m. or when business for the day has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Pacific Conference Room of the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Dr., La Jolla, CA 92037-1508. The meeting may move to a different conference room on the final day (January 9, 2014).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kerry Griffin, Pacific Council Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the meeting is to develop advice for the Pacific Council regarding the temperature index used as a correlate for sardine recruitment, as well as other considerations regarding elements of the Pacific sardine harvest control rule. The CPSMT will develop a report for inclusion in the advance briefing book materials for the March, 2014 Council 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 CPSMT'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 Mr. Dale Sweetnam (858) 546-7170, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 27, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities: Mukilteo Ferry Terminal Construction Work

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments and information.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Ferries Division (WSF) for an authorization to take small numbers of eight species of marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to proposed construction activities at the Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal in Mukilteo, Snohomish County, Washington. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an authorization to WSDOT to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of marine mammals for a period of 1 year.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than January 2, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [itp.guan@noaa.gov](mailto:itp.guan@noaa.gov). NMFS is not responsible for email comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size.

**Instructions:** All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to the address specified above or visiting the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/>

[permits/incidental.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm). Documents cited in this notice may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shane Guan, 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 engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as ". . . an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the U.S. can apply for a one-year authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment, provided that there is no potential for serious injury or mortality to result from the activity. Section 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny the authorization.

#### Summary of Request

On August 30, 2013, WSF submitted a request to NOAA requesting an IHA for the possible harassment of small numbers of eight marine mammal species incidental to construction work associated with the Mukilteo Ferry