be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. 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 will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: December 24, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Candace Nachman, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Need for Correction

The public comment period for the proposal to issue an IHA to the Partnership for Interdisciplinary Study of Coastal Oceans (PISCO) at the University of California Santa Cruz published in the Federal Register on October 30, 2013 (78 FR 64918), requesting comments from the public for 30 days on that proposal. NMFS issued an IHA to PISCO for the proposed action on December 17, 2013, which took into consideration the public comments received at that time. The Federal Register notice that NMFS incorrectly published on December 23, 2013 (78 FR 77433), is a duplicate of the original notice from October 2013. The notice that should have published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2013, was the notice of issuance of an IHA. NMFS has submitted the notice of issuance to the Federal Register for publication. Therefore, NMFS is withdrawing the Notice of Proposed IHA notice of December 23, 2013 (78 FR 77433), as the public was already afforded an opportunity to comment on the proposal, and the final action has already been taken.


Perry Gayaldo,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rocky Intertidal Monitoring Surveys Along the Oregon and California Coasts: Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS incorrectly published a second notice in the Federal Register on December 23, 2013, requesting comments on the proposed issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). NMFS had published the first notice in the Federal Register on October 30, 2013, requesting comments from the public for 30 days. The comment period closed on November 29, 2013. The notice that should have published in the Federal Register on December 23, 2013, was the notice of issuance of an IHA.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY OF COASTAL OCEANS (PISCO) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) SANTA CRUZ FOR AN INCIDENTAL HARASSMENT AUTHORIZATION (IHA) TO TAKE MARINE MAMMALS, BY HARASSMENT, INCIDENTAL TO ROCKY INTERTIDAL MONITORING SURVEYS.

DATES: Effective December 17, 2013, through December 16, 2014.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the authorization, application, and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) may be obtained by writing to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephoning the contact listed below (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), or visiting the internet at: 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: Candace Nachman, 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.

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, other means of effecting the least practicable impact on the species or stock and its habitat, 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.”