

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648–XD129

Mid-Atlantic 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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Tilefish Monitoring Committee of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings.

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 13, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Tilefish Monitoring Committee will meet Wednesday, March 12, 2014 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at Pier V, 711 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: (410) 539–2000.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be discussed at the SSC meeting include: 2015–17 ABC recommendations for tilefish; black sea bass research track development, report of SSC Working Group on Black Sea Bass Ad Hoc ABC Specifications, interim multi-year ABC specification metrics, Management Strategy Evaluation update, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (Climate Workshop Summary), Mid-Atlantic Council research plan development, update on Magnuson Act reauthorization and other business. The primary purpose of the Tilefish Monitoring Committee is to recommend management measures designed to achieve recommended catch limits for Tilefish.

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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

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 11, 2014.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet March 7–13, 2014. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Thursday, March 13, 2014. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 8 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 Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 929–8855.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. Instructions for attending the meeting via live stream broadcast are

given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

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 March 8–13, 2014 meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council will be streamed live on the internet. The live meeting will be broadcast daily starting at 8 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) beginning on Saturday, March 8, 2014 through Thursday, March 13, 2014. The broadcast will end daily at 6 p.m. PT or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion, and portions of the presentations displayed on the screen at the Council meeting, will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Council via the broadcast. Instructions to attend the broadcast meeting online are available on the Council Web site at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

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
 - Comments on Non-Agenda Items
- C. Ecosystem Management
 - California Current Ecosystem Report Including Integrated Ecosystem Assessment
- D. Groundfish Management
 - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - 2. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Phase 2 Report and Evaluation Criteria for Effectiveness of EFH Provisions
 - 3. Barotrauma Device Mortality Rates
 - 4. Inseason Adjustments, Including Carryover
 - 5. Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2015–2016 and Beyond Groundfish Fisheries
 - 6. Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions
- E. Habitat
 - Current Habitat Issues
- F. Salmon Management
 - 1. Review of 2013 Fisheries and Summary of 2014 Stock Abundance Forecasts
 - 2. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2014 Salmon Management Alternatives
 - 3. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - 4. Council Recommendations for 2014 Management Alternative Analysis
 - 5. Further Council Direction for 2014 Management Alternatives
 - 6. Adoption of 2014 Management Alternatives for Public Review

- 7. Salmon Hearings Officers
- 8. Sacramento Winter Chinook Harvest Control Rule
- 9. California Coastal Chinook Update
- G. Pacific Halibut Management
 - 1. Report on the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) Meeting
 - 2. Incidental Catch Recommendations for the Salmon Troll and Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries
- H. Enforcement Issues
 - Vessel Monitoring System Ping Rate
- I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
 - Pacific Sardine Temperature Parameter Review
- J. Administrative Matters
 - 1. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Priorities and Other Legislative Matters
 - 2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
 - 3. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
 - 4. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
- K. Highly Migratory Species Management
 - 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 - 2. Vessel Monitoring Systems for Highly Migratory Species Fisheries
 - 3. Recommendations for International Management Activities
 - 4. U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Update
 - 5. Draft Gillnet Monitoring Management and Alternative Gear Report

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Day 1—Friday, March 7, 2014

Scientific and Statistical Committee
Groundfish Subcommittee—8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Habitat Committee—8:30 a.m.
Legislative Committee—1 p.m.

Day 2—Saturday, March 8, 2014

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.
Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.

Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Chair's Reception—6 p.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Needed
Tribal Policy Group—As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group—As Needed

Day 3—Sunday, March 9, 2014

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—4 p.m.
Tribal Policy Group—As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group—As Needed

Day 4—Monday, March 10, 2014

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.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Needed
Tribal Policy Group—As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group—As Needed

Day 5—Tuesday, March 11, 2014

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.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Needed
Tribal Policy Group—As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group—As Needed

Day 6—Wednesday, March 12, 2014

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Needed
Tribal Policy Group—As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group—As Needed

Day 7—Thursday, March 13, 2014

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Needed
Tribal Policy Group—As Needed
Tribal and Washington Technical Group—As Needed

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 18002

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Alejandro Acevedo-Gutiérrez, Ph.D. of Western Washington University's Department of Biology, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before March 17, 2014.

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. 18002 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and

West Coast Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4005; fax (562) 980-4027.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at