

**DATES:** The webinar will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Chip Collier at the Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of the webinar.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chip Collier, Fishery Biologist; telephone: (843) 571-4366; email: [chip.collier@safmc.net](mailto:chip.collier@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council extended the snapper grouper bottom fishing restrictions for the Oculina Experimental Closed Area (OECA) for an indefinite period in Snapper Grouper Amendment 13A. The amendment required that the size and configuration of the OECA be reviewed within 3 years of the implementation date of 13A and that a 10-year re-evaluation be conducted. The Oculina Evaluation Team is meeting to review and provide final recommendations for the ongoing research and monitoring, outreach, and law enforcement components of the Evaluation Plan for the Oculina Experimental Closed Area and will finalize the 10-Year Re-evaluation Report. The Team is comprised of law enforcement representatives, research scientists, resource managers, commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, outreach experts, and non-governmental organization representatives.

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 identified 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC

office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: October 21, 2014.

**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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**Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold advisory body meetings in Hawaii and in the Marianas Archipelago during the month of November 2014 regarding the Council's Fishery Ecosystem and Program Plans. All Marianas Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review meetings will follow the same agenda.

**DATES:** The Marine Planning and Climate Change Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 12, 2014, and Thursday, November 13, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Guam Marianas Archipelago Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Guam Plan Team, Advisory Panel, and other advisors on Thursday, November 13, 2014, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Plan Team, Advisory Panel, and other advisors on Saturday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the CNMI Marianas Archipelago Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee on Monday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Marine Planning and Climate Change Committee will meet at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220. The meetings on Guam will be held in the Gallery at the Guam Hilton, 202 Hilton Road, Tamuning, Guam; telephone: (671) 646-1835. The meetings in the CNMI will be held in the Asuzena 2 meeting room, Fiesta

Hotel, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan, Saipan; telephone: (670) 234-6412.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Marine Planning and Climate Change Committee Meeting**

*November 12, 2014*

1. Introductions
2. Approval of draft agenda
3. Approval of September 15, 2014, Committee meeting minutes
4. Implementation plan for Council actions related to marine planning & climate change
  - A. Review Committee's categorization & prioritization of Council's marine planning and climate change action items
  - B. Review comments from Scientific & Statistical Committee
  - C. Review comments from Council
  - D. Public comment
  - E. Committee discussion and recommended plan for implementing action items
5. Round-robin of area updates related to marine planning & climate change (time permitting)

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6. Draft Marine Planning and Climate Change Policy
  - A. Review of fisheries in Council's jurisdiction
  - B. Review of Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act's National Standards
  - C. Review of Council's structure and federal fishery decision-making process
  - D. Overview of ongoing amendments to Council's fishery ecosystem plans and programs
  - E. Review draft MPCC policy statement
  - F. Public comment
  - G. Committee discussion and recommendations
7. Election of Officers
8. Other business and next meeting

**Guam and CNMI Meetings**

Council advisors and other participants will review current issues related to the Council's program plans and fishery ecosystem plans and provide input to assist in the evaluation and update of the fishery ecosystem plans. The meetings may result in formal recommendations on these topics.

Agendas (all meetings on Guam and CNMI will follow this same agenda):

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Overview of the Council and its Fisheries
  - A. Authority and Responsibilities
  - B. Council Structure, Programs, and Fisheries
  - C. Five Year Program Plan
    - i. Integrating Ecosystem Information
    - ii. Supporting Monitoring, Data Collection, and Research
    - iii. Building Capacity
    - iv. Highly Migratory Species, Trade, and Compliance
    - v. Reviewing Fishery Ecosystem Plans
3. Review of Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plans
  - A. Background
  - B. Purpose
  - C. Intended Outcomes
  - D. Major missing elements
    - i. Climate change
    - ii. Protected Species
    - iii. Social Science
    - iv. Connecting the dots
4. Facilitated Evaluation of Council Programs and Focus Areas
  - A. Pelagic Fisheries Program
  - B. Island Fisheries Program
  - C. Ecosystems Program
    - i. Protected Species
    - ii. Human Dimensions
  - D. Fishing Community Program
  - E. Education and Outreach Program
5. Other Relevant Topics
6. Discussion and Recommendations

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#### Special Accommodations

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

Dated: October 22, 2014.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Elliott Bay Seawall Project in Seattle, Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization (LOA) has been issued to the City of Seattle's Department of Transportation (SDOT) for the take of eight species of marine mammals incidental to pile driving activities associated with the Elliott Bay Seawall Project (EBSP).

**DATES:** Effective from October 22, 2014, through October 21, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The LOA and supporting documentation are available for review on the Internet at: [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/construction.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/construction.htm). Documents cited in this notice may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours at the Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, by telephoning the contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ben Laws, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301-427-8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs 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. Under the MMPA, the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill marine mammals.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on

the identified 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 in the regulations. 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."

Regulations governing the taking of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardii*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus monteriensis*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena vomerina*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli dalli*), southern resident and transient killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), by harassment, incidental to pile driving activities in Elliott Bay, were issued on October 21, 2013 (78 FR 63396, October 24, 2013), and remain in effect until October 21, 2018. For detailed information on this action, please refer to that document. The regulations include mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements for the incidental take of marine mammals during pile driving activities associated with the Elliott Bay Seawall.

Pursuant to those regulations, NMFS first issued an LOA, effective from October 22, 2013, through October 21, 2014. SDOT conducted activities as described, implemented the required mitigation measures, and conducted the required monitoring. The total number of potentially harassed marine mammals was well below the authorized limits, with the exception of the California sea lion. The reported take for California sea lion, by Level B harassment only, exceeded the annually authorized level by a small amount (186 versus 175). This overage does not affect the negligible impact, small numbers, and subsistence findings. In examining the proposed and final rules, we determined that an error was made in estimating take of California sea lions. We plan to correct that error through notification and opportunity for public comment in the **Federal Register**. Once corrected, the amount of take will not likely exceed authorized levels and we expect the correction will be made before SDOT approaches the amount authorized in the current subject LOA.