

in advance by September 18, 2015. Please register by contacting Jessica Snowden, Designated Federal Official at email: Jessica.snowden@noaa.gov or tel (301) 713-3070 x 141. Webinar and teleconference information will be provided to registrants prior to the meeting. While the meeting will be open to the public, webinar and teleconference capacity may be limited.

The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-11). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the Committee for review and advice.

The Committee will provide advice on:

- (a) Administration, operation, management, and maintenance of the System;
- (b) expansion and periodic modernization and upgrade of technology components of the System;
- (c) identification of end-user communities, their needs for information provided by the System, and the System's effectiveness in dissemination information to end-user communities and to the general public; and

- (d) any other purpose identified by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere or the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee.

The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on September 22, 2015, from 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (check agenda on Web site to confirm time.)

The Committee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by September 15, 2015 to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after September 15, 2015, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Matters To Be Considered: The meeting will focus on review of draft recommendations including ICOOS Act

reauthorization, regional IOOS certification, and addressing the need for resilient communities. The agenda is subject to change. The latest version will be posted at <http://www.ioos.noaa.gov/advisorycommittee>.

Dated: August 28, 2015.

Zdenka Willis,

Director, U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD560

Marine Mammals; File No. 18208

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Randy Sacco, Ph.D., Ruminant Diseases and Immunology Research Unit, National Animal Disease Center, 1920 Dayton Road, P.O. Box 70, Ames, IA 50010, to receive cell line specimens of Atlantic spotted (*Stenella frontalis*), Atlantic bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*), and common (*Delphinus delphis*) dolphin for scientific research purposes.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 28, 2014, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 64174) that a request for a permit to receive cell line specimens from the species identified above for scientific research purposes had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permit authorizes the applicant to receive cell lines from up to two Atlantic spotted, three Atlantic bottlenose, and three common dolphins

to study mechanisms whereby respiratory pathogens alter dolphin anti-viral or cytokine/chemokine responses using a parainfluenza virus isolated from a bottlenose dolphin. The objective is to provide information on how influenza viruses affect dolphins and potentially induce disease. Cell lines will be obtained from the American Type Culture Collection or other permitted researchers authorized to maintain cell lines, and would be analyzed at the National Animal Disease Center in Ames, IA. The permit is valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: August 24, 2015.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE159

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option. Webinar and telephone-only connection details are available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive

Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MAFMC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee (Committee) has initiated an evaluation of several current management measures for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass commercial fisheries (e.g., minimum commercial fish sizes, minimum mesh sizes, seasonal possession limits triggering the minimum mesh sizes, other gear restrictions, and exemption programs). The Committee will meet via webinar to review initial analyses evaluating the effectiveness of the current regulations, identify additional work to be completed, and potentially begin development of recommendations to the MAFMC.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 1, 2015.

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-XE157

North 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Groundfish Plan Team will meet September 21, 2015 to September 24, 2015.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2015 through Thursday, September 24, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center Traynor Room 2076 and NMML Room 2039, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, September 21 to Thursday September 24, 2015

The agenda includes review of halibut discard mortality rates, upcoming assessment changes for Sablefish, EBS, AI and GOA Pacific cod, BSAI and GOA rockfish assessments, GOA Northern and southern rock sole, CIE review of BSAI Atka Mackerel, GOA pollock, review of a size structured octopus model and updates on the observer program, EBS bottom trawl survey, ecosystem considerations chapter, NMML report and Economic SAFE report. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 1, 2015.

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-XE161

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice; public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting to develop spiny dogfish management recommendations. The Council will also host a public information meeting to gather public perspectives on spiny dogfish management.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Monitoring Committee and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (on the same day) for the public information meeting. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar connection details will be available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee will meet Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. to develop 2016-18 spiny dogfish management measure recommendations based on the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). A summary of current management is available at: <http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/regs/infodocs/spinydogfactsheet.pdf>. At 6 p.m. on the same day, Council staff will hold a public information meeting to gather public perspectives on spiny dogfish management. The results of both meetings will be summarized for the Council when it meets in October 2015 to set spiny dogfish specifications and associated management measures. Contact Jason Didden at 302-526-5254 if you have questions about using a webinar to participate in a meeting.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: September 1, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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