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Dated: October 1, 2015.

**Jason Donaldson.**

*Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

**National Sea Grant Advisory Board (NSGAB) Fall Meeting**

**November 3–4, 2015**

**AGENDA**

**Honolulu, HI**

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. HST

- 8:30–8:45 Welcome, introduction of new members, review of agenda, approval of minutes (Rollie Schmitt, Chair NSGAB)
- 8:45–9:00 Chair's update (R. Schmitt, NSGAB)
- 9:00–10:30 National Sea Grant College Program, Director's Update (Nikola Garber, Acting Director, NSGCP)
- 10:30–11:00 Break
- 11:00–12:00 Sea Grant Association Update (Sylvain DeGuise, President, Sea Grant Association)
- 12:00–1:15 Break for Lunch
- 1:15–2:00 Set the stage for afternoon discussion & Reauthorization (N. Garber, NSGCP; R. Schmitt, NSGAB; S. DeGuise, SGA)
- 2:00–3:00 Sea Grant Visioning & Sea Grant Roadmap (N. Garber, NSGCP; R. Schmitt, NSGAB; S. DeGuise, SGA)
- 3:00–3:30 Break
- 3:30–4:00 Program Implementation & Evaluation (PIE) (N. Garber, NSGCP)
- 4:00–4:30 Strategic Planning 2018–2021 (N. Garber, NSGCP)
- 4:30–4:45 National Ocean Sciences Bowl Discussion (R. Fortner, NSGAB)
- 4:45–5:00 Discussion of days topics and wrap-up (R. Schmitt, NSGAB)
- 5:00 Public Meeting recessed until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 4, 2015
- 5:00–6:00 Advisory Board Business Meeting (Board Only)

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8:00 am–12:00 p.m. HST

- 8:00–8:45 Call to Order and follow up from previous days meeting
- 8:45–9:00 Public Comment Period
- 9:00–10:00 Charge to the Board—Review of the Sea Grant Extension—NOAA Liaison positions (D. Baker, NSGAB)
- 10:00–10:30 Break
- 10:30–11:15 Globalization of the Sea Grant Model (R. Vortmann, NSGAB)
- 11:15–11:45 Member Updates
- 11:45–12:00 Discussion of meeting topics and wrap-up (R. Schmitt, NSGAB)
- 12:00 Meeting Adjourned

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Ecosystem Committee will meet October 29–30, 2015, in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., finishing in the afternoon on Friday, October 30, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the New Federal Building, 222 W. 7th Ave., Suite 552, Anchorage, AK 99513; telephone: (907) 271–6368.

*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:** Steve MacLean, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Thursday, October 29, 2015 Through Friday, October 30, 2015*

The agenda will include: (a) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan discussion paper, (b) NMFS draft policy on Ecosystem Based Fishery Management, and (c) the Groundfish Work Plan. 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: October 7, 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**

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**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Seabird Research Activities in Central California, 2015–2016**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; revision of an incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, NMFS, have received a request from Point Blue Conservation Science (Point Blue) to revise an issued Incidental Harassment Authorization (Authorization) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting seabird research activities on Southeast Farallon Island, Año Nuevo Island, and Point Reyes National Seashore in central California. Point Blue's current Authorization is effective until January 30, 2016, and authorizes the incidental harassment, by Level B harassment only, of approximately 9,871 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*). Current environmental conditions in the Pacific Ocean offshore California—which researchers have attributed to an impending El Niño event—have contributed to unprecedented numbers of California sea lions hauled out in areas where Point Blue conducts surveys and maintains critical infrastructure. As such, Point Blue has requested a modification to their current Authorization to increase the number of authorized take for California sea lions to continue critical operations and research. Per the Marine Mammal Protection Act, we are requesting