

thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. National marine sanctuary advisory councils are community-based advisory groups established to provide advice and recommendations to the superintendents of the national marine sanctuaries on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship; and to serve as liaisons between their constituents in the community and the sanctuary. Additional information on ONMS and its advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>. Information related to the purpose, policies, and operational requirements for advisory councils can be found in the charter for a particular advisory council (http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/council_charters.html) and the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Implementation Handbook (<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/pdfs/2010-ac-handbook-appendices-07162015.pdf>).

The following is a list of the vacant seats, including positions (*i.e.*, primary member or alternate), for each of the advisory councils currently seeking applications for members and alternates:

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council:

Conservation (primary); Education (primary); Recreational Fishing (primary); and Research (primary).

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Lānaʻi Island (alternate); and Molokaʻi Island (alternate).

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council:

Agriculture (primary); Agriculture (alternate); At-Large (two primaries); At-Large (alternate); Business/Industry (primary); Business/Industry (alternate); College (primary); College (alternate); Commercial Fishing (primary); Commercial Fishing (alternate); Conservation (primary); Recreation (primary); Recreation (alternate); Recreational Fishing (primary); Recreational Fishing (alternate); Research (primary); and Research (alternate).

National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa Advisory Council: West Side of Tutuila (primary).

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: At-Large (alternate); Business/Industry (alternate); Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (alternate); Whale Watch (alternate); and Youth (alternate).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: December 23, 2015.

John Armor,

Acting Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of its Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, March 10, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento, Yuba River Room, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to review a stock assessment update of the Pacific sardine resource. The SSC CPS subcommittee will conduct the review, and one member each from the CPS Management Team and CPS Advisory Subpanel will serve as advisers. The Council will set harvest specifications and management measures at its April 9-14, 2016 meeting in Vancouver, WA.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 28, 2016.

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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Marine Mammals; File No. 15510

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 15510 has been issued to Jennifer Burns, Ph.D., University of Alaska Anchorage, CPISB 202C, 3101 Science Circle, Anchorage, AK 99508.

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment 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: Rosa L. González or Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 8, 2015, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 76276) that a request for an amendment Permit No. 15510 to collect, receive, import, and export specimens from marine mammals for scientific research had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The original permit (No. 15510), issued on April 25, 2011 (76 FR 25308) authorized Dr. Burns to obtain samples from up to 50 animals of each of the following species: Harp (*Pagophilus*

groenlandica), hooded (*Cystophora cristata*), gray (*Halichoerus grypus*), bearded (*Erignathus barbatus*), ringed (*Phoca hispida*), harbor (*Phoca vitulina*), spotted (*Phoca largha*), and ribbon (*Histiophoca fasciata*) seals; and to obtain samples annually from up to 6 captive Northern fur seals, *Callorhinus ursinus*; and 6 captive Steller Sea lions, *Eumetopias jubatus*, through April 30, 2016.

Permit 15510-01 authorizes the Permit Holder to increase the number of harbor seals from which samples may be collected, received, imported, and exported from 50 to 100 annually; and, extends the duration of the permit through April 30, 2017.

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.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 27, 2016.

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

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council), Sea Scallop Committee, Advisory Panel and PDT are scheduling an inshore Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishing Industry workshop to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: This meeting will be held on Monday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 23, 2016, beginning at 8:30 a.m. both days.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 732-6000.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Workshop Agenda

The Council is hosting a workshop to provide an opportunity for participants in the scallop fishery to discuss concerns raised by some about the consequences of inshore scallop fishing practices. The workshop will support constructive and open dialogue between all users of the resource, scientific experts, fishery managers, and interested members of the public. In accordance with section 302(g)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, this workshop is considered to be an ad hoc advisory panel. Any recommendations made by this panel will be forwarded to the Council's Scallop Advisory Panel and Oversight Committee for full consideration.

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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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: January 28, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA"), this notice announces that the information collection request ("ICR") abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 3, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in OMB, within 30 days of publication of the notice, by email at OIRASubmissions@omb.eop.gov. Please identify the comments by OMB Control No. 3038-0061. Please provide the Commission with a copy of all submitted comments at the address listed below. Please refer to OMB Reference No. 3038-0061, found on <http://reginfo.gov>. Comments may also be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, and to the Commission through its Web site at <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

Comments may also be mailed to: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581, or by Hand Delivery/Courier at the same address.

A copy of the supporting statements for the collection of information discussed above may be obtained by visiting <http://reginfo.gov>. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Guerin, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 734-4194, email: