

demonstration plans and scripts necessary to demonstrate the desired capabilities. Each participant will train NIST personnel, as necessary, to operate its product in capability demonstrations to the retail community. Following successful demonstrations, NIST will publish a description of the security platform and its performance characteristics sufficient to permit other organizations to develop and deploy security platforms that meet the security objectives of the Multifactor Authentication for e-Commerce Project for the retail sector use case. These descriptions will be public information.

Under the terms of the consortium CRADA, NIST will support development of interfaces among participants' products by providing IT infrastructure, laboratory facilities, office facilities, collaboration facilities, and staff support to component composition, security platform documentation, and demonstration activities.

The dates of the demonstration of the Multifactor Authentication for e-Commerce Project for the retail sector capability will be announced on the NCCoE Web site at least two weeks in advance at <http://nccoe.nist.gov/>. The expected outcome of the demonstration is added security and reduced fraud stemming from an increased use of multifactor authentication for e-commerce transactions across an entire retail sector enterprise. Participating organizations will gain from the knowledge that their products are interoperable with other participants' offerings.

For additional information on the NCCoE governance, business processes, and NCCoE operational structure, visit the NCCoE Web site <http://nccoe.nist.gov/>.

Kevin Kimball,

NIST Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF040

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will hold a webinar, which is open to the public.

DATES: The webinar will be held on January 10, 2017, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., or when business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: To join the webinar visit this link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar>. Enter the Webinar ID: 917-479-603. Enter your name and email address (required). Once you have joined the webinar, choose either your computer's audio or select "Use Telephone." If you do not select "Use Telephone" you will be connected to audio using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). To use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting dial this TOLL number +1 (914) 614-3221 (not a toll-free number); then enter the Attendee phone audio access code 462-275-391, then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). Participants are encouraged to use their telephone, as this is the best practice to avoid technical issues and excessive feedback. You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2425 for technical assistance. A public listening station will also be provided at the Pacific Council office.

Council address: Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council Staff Officer; phone: (503) 820-2422; email: kit.dahl@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the webinar is for the EWG to discuss (1) preparation of the Annual State of the California Current Ecosystem Report and (2) future ecosystem initiatives under the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP).

Each March, the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northwest and Southwest Fisheries Science Centers deliver a State of the California Current Ecosystem Report to the Council. The Report assesses current status through a series of indicators covering physical, biological, and socioeconomic components of the ecosystem. The Council has provided advice to the Science Centers on how to make the report more relevant to Council decision-making including comments on the suite of indicators it uses. The webinar will provide an opportunity for the EWG to discuss preparation of the current Report with Science Center

representatives and the contents of future reports.

At its March 2017 meeting, the Council will also consider taking up a new ecosystem-based fishery management initiative. Appendix A to the FEP contains a list of these initiatives, which are intended to address ecosystem gaps in ecosystem knowledge and FMP policies, particularly with respect to the cumulative effects of fisheries management on marine ecosystems and fishing communities. The FEP establishes a schedule by which each March the Council reviews progress to date on any ecosystem initiatives the Council already has underway and determines whether to take up a new initiative. In odd-numbered years the Council may also consider identifying new initiatives that are not already in Appendix A. The EWG will discuss current and potential new initiatives in preparation for the March 2017 Council meeting.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2425 at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 14, 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

RIN 0648-XF082

Marine Mammals; File No. 20527

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ann Pabst, Ph.D., University of North Carolina Wilmington, Biology and Marine Biology, 601 S. College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before January 18, 2017.

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. 20527 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan or Carrie Hubard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant proposes to take marine mammals to: (1) Document the presence of North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*) and humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) whales in the mid-Atlantic, and (2) describe the distribution and abundance of cetaceans within specific regions used for U.S.

Navy training or other activities. Research activities may occur year-round in the Atlantic Ocean from Delaware Bay to Cape Canaveral, FL, and will include aerial and vessel surveys to conduct counts, photo-identification, photogrammetry, and behavioral observations. ESA-listed species include up to 40 blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), 100 fin (*B. physalus*), 200 North Atlantic right, 40 sei (*B. borealis*), and 150 sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales. Non-listed species include 100 Cuvier's beaked (*Ziphius cavirostris*), 100 false killer (*Pseudorca crassidens*), 100 Gervais' beaked (*Mesoplodon europaeus*), 200 humpback, 50 killer (*Orcinus orca*), 100 melon-headed (*Peponocephala electra*), 100 minke (*B. acutorostrata*), 5,000 pilot (*Globicephala spp.*), 100 pygmy and dwarf sperm (*Kogia spp.*), 100 pygmy killer (*Feresa attenuata*), 100 True's beaked (*M. mirus*), and 100 unidentified beaked whales; 5,000 Atlantic spotted (*Stenella frontalis*), 8,000 bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*), 1,000 Clymene (*S. clymene*), 1,000 common (*Delphinus delphis*), 100 Fraser's (*Lagenodelphis hosei*), 100 pantropical spotted (*S. attenuata*), 2,500 Risso's (*Grampus griseus*), 500 rough-toothed (*Steno bredanensis*), 200 spinner (*S. longirostris*), and 1,000 striped (*S. coeruleoalba*) dolphins; and 100 harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*). The permit would be 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.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: December 13, 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

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; File Nos. 19225, 19257, 19315, 19674, and 20599

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits have been issued to the following entities:

Permit No. 19225: James D. Darling, Ph.D., Whale Trust, P.O. Box 384, Tofino, BC V0R2Z0 Canada;

Permit No. 19257: Ann M. Zoidis, Director, Cetos Research Organization, 11 Des Isle Avenue, Bar Harbor, ME 04609;

Permit No. 19315: Center for Coastal Studies, Right Whale Ecology Program, 5 Holway Avenue, P.O. Box 1036, Provincetown, MA 02657 [Responsible Party: Richard Delaney];

Permit No. 19674: Scott Kraus, Ph.D., New England Aquarium, Edgerton Research Lab, Central Wharf, Boston MA 02110; and

Permit No. 20599: NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Antarctic Ecosystem Research Division, La Jolla, California [Responsible Party: George Watters, Ph.D.].

ADDRESSES: The permits 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 González (File Nos. 19225 and 19257), Carrie Hubard (File Nos. 19225 and 19257), Amy Hapeman (File Nos. 19315 and 19674), and Sara Young (File Nos. 19315, 19674, 20599).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the **Federal Register** that requests for a permit had been submitted by the above-named applicants. The requested permits have been issued under 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.*), and the regulations governing the