novaeangliae, West Indies Distinct Population Segment); 225 long-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala melaena*); 225 harbor porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*); 225 short-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*); 225 Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*); 225 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*); 225 striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*); 225 Atlantic white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhyncus acutus*); 900 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*); and 900 grey seals (*Halichoerus grypus*) may be harassed during close approaches by marine vessels and experienced swimmers and divers for photography and filming purposes. The permit is requested for five years.

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: May 3, 2017.

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–XF385

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 Center of Independent Experts will meet May 22 through May 25, 2017 to review the stock assessment of Gulf of Alaska Pollock.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 through Thursday, May 25, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Building 4, Room 2039, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., 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: Jim Armstrong, NPFMC staff; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Terms of Reference:

1. Evaluation of the ability of the stock assessment model, with the available data, to provide parameter estimates to assess the current status of pollock in the Gulf of Alaska.

2. Evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses in the stock assessment model for GOA pollock.

3. Review of the use of indices from spatial delta-GLMM models rather than area-swept estimates as abundance indices for the bottom trawl survey.

4. Review of the use of biomass and size composition estimates from the acoustic survey that have been corrected for net selectivity.

5. Potential evaluation of an equivalent walleye pollock assessment model in Stock Synthesis.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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: May 3, 2017.

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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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 Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 17–18, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m. on May 17 and concluding by 4:30 p.m. on May 18. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, 20 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; telephone: (410) 539–8400.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; Web site: *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 purpose of this meeting is to make multi-year ABC recommendations for Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog based upon recently completed benchmark stock assessments for both species. The SSC will also make multiyear ABC specifications for butterfish, *Illex* and longfin squid based on updated stock assessment information or updated landings and survey information. A review of the most recent data and the 2018 Atlantic mackerel ABC will also be conducted. In addition, topics to be discussed include the NEFSC clam dredge survey design, SSC OFL progress report, an update on the 2018 National SSC meeting and the NRCC assessment working group.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's Web site (*www.mafmc.org*) prior to the meeting.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language