

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves**

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold three public meetings to solicit comments on the performance evaluation of the U.S. Virgin Islands Coastal Management Program. Notice is also hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Oregon and Alabama Coastal Management Programs and Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve.

DATES: *U.S. Virgin Islands Coastal Management Program Evaluation:* The public meetings will be held on August 29, August 30, and August 31, 2017, and written comments must be received on or before September 8, 2017.

For specific dates, times, and locations of the public meetings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the coastal program or reserve NOAA intends to evaluate by any of the following methods:

Public Meeting and Oral Comments: Public meetings will be held on St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John. For the specific location, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Written Comments: Please direct written comments to Susie Holst, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 35 Colovos Road, University of New Hampshire, Gregg Hall, Room 142, Durham, New Hampshire 03824, or email comments Susie.Holst@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susie Holst, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, 35 Colovos Road, University of New Hampshire, Gregg Hall, Room 142, Durham, New Hampshire 03824, (603) 862-1205 or Susie.Holst@noaa.gov. Copies of the previous evaluation findings may be viewed and downloaded on the Internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting the person

identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved state and territorial coastal programs. The process includes one or more public meetings, consideration of written public comments and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the state has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is completed, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

Specific information on the periodic evaluation of the state and territorial coastal program that is the subject of this notice is detailed below as follows:

U.S. Virgin Islands Coastal Management Program Evaluation

You may participate or submit oral comments at the public meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: August 29, 2017.

Time: 6:00 p.m., local time.

Location: Cyril E. King Airport Terminal Building, Second Floor, Department of Planning and Natural Resources Conference Room, 8100 Lindberg Bay, St. Thomas.

Date: August 30, 2017.

Time: 6:00 p.m., local time.

Location: St. Croix Curriculum Center, 3 Vicorps Land, Kingshill, St. Croix.

Date: August 31, 2017.

Time: 6:00 p.m., local time.

Location: St. John Legislature Conference Room, 18-15 Estate Enighed, Cruz Bay, St. John.

Written public comments must be received on or before September 8, 2017.

Availability of Final Evaluation Findings of Other State and Territorial Coastal Programs

The NOAA Office for Coastal Management has completed review of the Coastal Zone Management Program evaluations for the states of Oregon and Alabama. Both states were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)–

(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards.

The NOAA Office for Coastal Management has completed review of the National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation for the Tijuana River reserve and the reserve was found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. Copies of the final evaluation findings may be downloaded at http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/evaluation_findings/index.html or by submitting a written request to the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: June 29, 2017.

Paul M. Scholz,

Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XF485

Endangered Species; File No. 21111

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, [Responsible Party: Lisa Ballance, Ph.D.], has applied in due form for a permit to take leatherback sea turtles (*Dermodochelys coriacea*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before August 10, 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. 21111 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: Amy Hapeman or Erin Markin, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of 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 parts 222-226).

The SWFSC proposes to continue long-term monitoring of leatherback sea turtles off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington. The purpose of the work is to determine abundance, distribution, size ranges, sex ratio, health status, diving behavior, local movements, habitat use, potential fishery impacts, and migratory routes for leatherbacks. Up to 70 sea turtles would be located annually through aerial surveys and subsequently approached from a research vessel or captured by hoop net. Upon approach or capture, researchers would examine, collect morphometric data and biological samples, and attach up to two transmitters to turtles before release. The permit would be valid for up to 10 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: July 6, 2017.

Catherine Marzin,

Acting Deputy Office Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) shareholders in Daytona Beach, FL.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center, 2700 North Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118; Hotel phone: (386) 672-3770, fax: (386) 944-2090.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian Chevront, Deputy Executive Director for Management, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8442; fax: (843) 744-4472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The items of discussion by shareholders are as follows:

1. Overview of the mandatory review of the catch share program
2. Timing of the program review
3. Input from shareholders on their views of the current state of the catch share program.
4. Input from shareholders on changes they would like to see in the program.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 5, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Stock Assessment of Eastern Bering Sea Tanner Crab; Center for Independent Experts Peer Review Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS has requested the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) to conduct a peer review of the agency's stock assessment of eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab (*Chionoecetes bairdi*). The CIE is a group affiliated with the University of Miami that provides independent peer reviews of NMFS science nationwide, including reviews of stock assessments for fish, shellfish and marine mammals. The eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab stock assessment is reviewed annually by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Crab Plan Team, and the NPFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee. The CIE review will examine whether the assessment incorporates the best scientific information available for making management decisions and provides a reasonable approach to understanding the population dynamics and stock status of eastern Bering Sea Tanner crab. The public is invited to attend and observe the presentations and discussions between the CIE panel and the NMFS scientists who collected and processed the data, and designed the underlying model.

DATES: The public meeting will be held from July 31 through August 3, 2017, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The review will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-6349. Visitors will need to provide proper ID and sign in at the front desk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Stockhausen, 206-526-4241.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CIE panel will consist of three peer reviewers who will assess materials related to the topic, participate in a review workshop with the NMFS scientists who developed the model and the analytical approach, and produce a report. This review will be highly