

*File No. 19749-01:* Issued to Clearwater Marine Aquarium [Responsible Party is Frank Dame], 249 Windward Passage, Clearwater, FL 33767 on March 27, 2017 to conduct vessel surveys, close approach, photo-identification, behavioral observations, of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) to assess their home ranges, distribution, population abundance, site fidelity, and reproductive success, in the estuarine and coastal waters of west central Florida. The amended LOC adds 52 annual takes of Atlantic spotted dolphins that are observed to co-occur with the target species (bottlenose dolphins). The LOC expires March 1, 2021.

*File No. 18101-01:* Issued to Pacific Whale Foundation [Principal Investigator is Greg Kaufman], 300 Ma'alaea Rd., Suite 211, Wailuku, HI 96793 on March 27, 2017. The original LOC authorized close approaches during vessel line-transect surveys for photo-identification, behavioral observation, focal follows, and underwater photography/videography of several non-Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed odontocetes in the waters offshore of Maui County, HI. The amended LOC adds annual takes of non-ESA listed humpback whales, (*Megaptera novaeangliae*, Hawaii Distinct Population Segment), during these surveys. Additionally, the amendment adds in-water activities (pole-mounted cameras and up to two swimmers) with humpback whales only in order to identify the sex of humpback whales. The LOC expires June 1, 2018.

*File No. 21134:* Issued to John H. Schacke, Ph.D., George Dolphin Ecology Program, 223 Trace Lane, Commerce, GA 30530 on May 11, 2017 to conduct vessel surveys, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins (Central Georgia Estuarine System stock) within coastal and estuarine waters of central Georgia. The purpose of the research is to document the abundance, distribution, movement, and frequency of bottlenose dolphins within Georgia and to contribute to shared bottlenose dolphin catalogs within the southeast Atlantic region. The LOC expires May 15, 2022.

*File No. 18101-02:* Issued to Pacific Whale Foundation [Principal Investigator is Greg Kaufman], 300 Ma'alaea Rd., Suite 211, Wailuku, HI 96793 on March 27, 2017. The previous LOC (No. 18101-01; above) authorized close approaches during vessel line-transect surveys for photo-identification, behavioral observation, focal follows, and underwater photography/videography of several non-listed odontocetes in the waters

offshore of Maui County, HI. The amended LOC adds photogrammetry as a research procedure. The LOC expires June 1, 2018.

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 activities are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: December 14, 2017.

**Julia Harrison,**

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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 Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of rescheduled meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Citizen Science Advisory Panel Finance & Infrastructure Action Team via webinar. The meeting via webinar was originally scheduled for December 13, 2017, but has been rescheduled as a result of schedule changes.

**DATES:** The meeting via webinar has been rescheduled for January 10, 2018, at 1 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes. Additional Action Team webinar and plenary webinar dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meetings will be held via webinar and are open to members of the public. Webinar registration is required and registration links will be posted to the Citizen Science program page of the Council's website at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net).

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to schedule changes, the Council's Finance & Infrastructure Action Team meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 1 p.m.

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) created a Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool in June 2017. The Council appointed members of the Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool to five Action Teams in the areas of *Volunteers, Data Management, Projects/Topics Management, Finance, and Communication/Outreach/Education* to develop program policies and operations for the Council's Citizen Science Program.

The Finance & Infrastructure Action Team will meet to continue work on developing recommendations on program policies and operations to be reviewed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee. Public comments will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.

Items to be addressed during these meetings:

1. Discuss work on tasks in the Terms of Reference.
2. Other Business.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are 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: December 14, 2017.

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