DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XG258
Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 26, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., and June 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Port of Portland, 7200 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97218; 503–415–6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Lovett, MAFAC Assistant Director; 301–427–8034; email: Heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The complete charter and summaries of prior meetings are located online at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners#marine-fisheries-advisory-committee.

Matters To Be Considered

This meeting time and agenda are subject to change.

The meeting is convened to hear presentations and updates and to discuss policies and guidance on the following topics: Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force efforts on the conservation and restoration of salmon and steelhead; NMFS communications and outreach in support of U.S. seafood competitiveness; outcomes of the recreational fisheries summit; and the budget outlook for FY2018 and FY2019. MAFAC will discuss various administrative and organizational matters, Federal Advisory Committee Act ethics and general law, and meetings of subcommittees and working groups may be convened.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Lovett; 301–427–8034 by June 15, 2018.

Dated: June 1, 2018.

Jennifer L. Lukens,
Federal Program Officer, Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal

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

ACTION: Notice of renewed charter.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the 2-year renewed charter for the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC), signed on April 12, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Lovett, Assistant Federal Program Officer, MAFAC, 301–427–8034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of the renewed charter for MAFAC. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1972, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This Committee advises and reviews the adequacy of living marine resources policies and programs to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, aquaculture, and environmental, consumer, academic, tribal, governmental, and other national interests. The Committee’s charter must be renewed every 2 years from the date of the last renewal. The charter can be accessed online at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partnersmarine-fisheries-advisory-committee-charter.

Dated: June 1, 2018.

Jennifer L. Lukens,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XF991
Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys off of Delaware

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

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Garden State Offshore Energy, LLC (GSOE), to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during marine site characterization surveys off the coast of Delaware as part of the Skipjack Wind Project in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS–A 0482) and along potential submarine cable routes to a landfill location in Maryland or Delaware.

DATES: This Authorization is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jordan Carduner, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401. Electronic copies of the applications and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained by visiting the internet at: www.fisheries.noaa.gov/nationalmarine-mammal-protection/