

INFORMATION CONTACT) for additional details.

The NAFO Annual Meeting will be held September 17–21, 2018, in Tallinn, Estonia. Additional information about the meeting can be found at: <https://www.nafo.int/Meetings/AM>.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannah Jaburek (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) by August 22, 2018.

Dated: August 13, 2018.

#### John Henderschedt,

Director, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

**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 approve work plans for their Commerce and Recreational Fisheries Subcommittees.

**DATES:** The meeting will be September 6, 2018, 1–3 p.m., Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** There is no public access. Meeting is by conference call.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heidi Lovett; NOAA Fisheries Office of Policy; (301) 427–8034; email: [Heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov](mailto:Heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 MAFAC charter and summaries of prior MAFAC meetings are located online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/>

[partners#marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/partners#marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-)

#### Matters To Be Considered

The Committee is convening to discuss and approve topics and work plans for their Commerce and Recreational Fisheries Subcommittees for the coming year. Other administrative matters may be considered. This date, time, and agenda are subject to change.

#### Time and Date

The meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2018, 1–3 p.m., Eastern Time by conference call and webinar. Access information for the public will be posted at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/partners/marine-fisheries-advisory-committee-meeting-materials-and-summaries> by August 30, 2018.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Lovett, (301) 427–8034 by August 24, 2018.

Dated: August 13, 2018.

#### Jennifer L. Lukens,

Federal Program Officer, Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold a public meeting to solicit comments on the performance evaluation of the South Carolina Coastal Management Program.

**DATES:** *South Carolina Coastal Management Program Evaluation:* The public meeting will be held on September 11, 2018, and written comments must be received on or before September 21, 2018.

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

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

**Public Meeting and Oral Comments:** A public meeting will be held in North Charleston, South Carolina. For the specific location, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**Written Comments:** Please direct written comments to Carrie Hall, Evaluator, Planning and Performance Measurement Program, Office for Coastal Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, N/OCM1, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or email comments [Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov](mailto:Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carrie Hall, Evaluator, Planning and Performance Measurement Program, Office for Coastal Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, N/OCM1, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, by phone at (240) 533–0730 or email comments [Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov](mailto:Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov). Copies of the previous evaluation findings and 2016–2020 Assessment and Strategy 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.

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

**Date:** September 11, 2018.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m., local time.

**Location:** North Charleston City Hall, City Council Chambers, 2500 City Hall Lane, North Charleston, South Carolina.

Written public comments must be received on or before September 21, 2018.

Dated: July 31, 2018.  
**John King,**  
*Chief, Business Operations Division, Office for Coastal Management.*  
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 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.  
**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of a permit amendment and a permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**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:** Jennifer Skidmore at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

| Permit No.     | RIN        | Applicant  | Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice | Permit amendment issuance date |
|----------------|------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 17273-02 ..... | 0648-XC703 | Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (Responsible Party: Julie Crocker). | 78 FR 50395; August 19, 2013 ...        | July 10, 2018.                 |
| 17557-01 ..... | 0648-XD825 | NMFS Marine Forensics Lab (Responsible Party: M. Katherine Moore).             | 80 FR 39411; July 9, 2015 .....         | July 10, 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 proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**Authority:** 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 taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: August 13, 2018.  
**Julia Marie 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-XG344**

**Marine Mammals; File No. 21938**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149 (Responsible Party: Theophilus Brainerd, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on up to 33 species of cetaceans.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 17, 2018.

**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. 21938 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](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. 21938 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 Jennifer Skidmore, (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 parts 222-226).

The SEFSC is requesting a five-year permit to conduct cetacean research in U.S. and international waters of the western North Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea. The