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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XG493**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 21636

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Joshua Schiffman, M.D., University of Utah, 2000 Circle of Hope Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84112 has applied in due form for a permit to import, export, and receive marine mammal parts for scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 3, 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. 21636 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. 21636 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to import, export, and receive biological samples from up to 100 cetaceans and 100 pinnipeds, excluding walrus, annually for scientific research to study the mechanisms of cancer resistance in marine mammals. The requested duration of the permit is 5 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: October 30, 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

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#### North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee Subgroup will meet on November 19, 2018.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Pacific Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the International Pacific Halibut Commission Offices, 2320 West Commodore Way, Seattle, WA 98199. Teleconference number: (877) 733–2599, Conference ID: 282264.

*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:** Elizabeth Figus, Council staff; telephone: (907)–271–2801.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Monday, November 19, 2018*

The agenda will include: drafting additional recommendations for how to potentially lower costs and increase observer coverage rates in the partial coverage category while maintaining the data sufficient for managing the fisheries; randomized deployment; and, cost equity considerations among participants. This may include providing input of differential deployment base levels by gear type.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at [www.npfmc.org](http://www.npfmc.org) prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

##### Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically to Elizabeth Figus, Council staff: [Elizabeth.figus@noaa.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.figus@noaa.gov) or through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252. In-person oral public testimony will be accepted at the discretion of the chair.

##### Special Accommodations

The meeting is 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: October 30, 2018.

**Tracey L. Thompson**,

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

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