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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 Through Friday, January 17, 2020

The Crab Plan Team will review the final 2020 stock assessment for Norton Sound red king crab. Additionally the Crab Plan Team will discuss fishery catches, ecosystem and socioeconomic profiles, St Matthew blue king crab rebuilding, draft model runs for Aleutian Islands golden king crab, the BSAI crab economic SAFE, various aspects of crab research off Alaska, and plans for the Team's upcoming May 2020 meeting.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1163> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1163> or through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 West 3rd Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501. In-person oral public testimony will be accepted at the discretion of the chairs.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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.

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

Dated: December 18, 2019.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XR076]

Marine Mammals; File No. 23577

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 BBC Studios Ltd., Natural History Unit Productions, Broadcasting House, Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 2LR, UK, (Responsible Party: Rowan Crawford), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaengliae*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before January 22, 2020.

ADDRESSES: These documents are 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 Carrie Hubard, (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.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to film humpback whales in Hawaii to obtain footage for an episode of a wildlife television series focusing on female animal behavior. Up to 315 humpback whales will be targeted for filming using a vessel, underwater divers, and an unmanned aircraft system (UAS). Activities would include behavioral observations, photography/videography, UAS operation, and passive acoustic recordings. Filmmakers may incidentally harass up to 30 short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), 60 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), 342 spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), and 324

short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*) during filming. The permit would expire on March 31, 2020.

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: December 17, 2019.

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

[RTID 0648-XV156]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific & Statistical Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Friday, January 10, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; phone: (617) 567-6789.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: