

by Level A and Level B harassment. Therefore, the Navy requests authorization to incidentally take marine mammals.

### Specified Activities

The Navy proposes to replace or repair several sections of deteriorating, unstable, hazardous, and eroding bulkhead, sheet pile, and revetment (approximately 2,730 total linear feet) along the Coddington Cove waterfront of Naval Station Newport in Newport Rhode Island. Over time, the existing storm sewer systems and bulkheads along the Coddington Cove waterfront have severely degraded due to erosion from under-capacity stormwater system piping and aging infrastructure. This impacts the ability of the installation to minimize shoreline erosion and safety risks from associated upland subsidence while maintaining potential berthing space. The Navy expects construction will require approximately 222 non-consecutive in-water pile driving workdays over the 5 year period. Seven species of marine mammals have been observed in the area and have the potential to be taken by the Navy's activities.

### Information Solicited

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the Navy's request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the Navy, if appropriate.

Dated: May 14, 2021.

**Catherine Marzin,**

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico (GMFMC) and South Atlantic Fishery Management (SAFMC) Councils will hold a joint

workgroup for Section 102 for the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on Thursday, June 3, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place via webinar.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ryan Rindone, Lead Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org); telephone: (813) 348-1630.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Thursday, June 3, 2021; 2 p.m.–4 p.m.**

The meeting will begin with introductions, adoption of agenda, approval of minutes from the September 10, 2020, webinar meeting and review the Scope of Work. The Workgroup will receive a presentation on and discuss the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) Allocation and Use of \$3.5m Budgeted for the Modern Fish Act of 2018. The Workgroup will then receive a presentation on the flexibility under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for Alternative Management Approaches; and finally, will discuss recommendations to the Councils on Alternative Recreational Management Approaches.

The Workgroup will receive Public Comment and discuss any other business items.

—Meeting adjourns.

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Workgroup meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Workgroup for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Workgroup will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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

Dated: May 14, 2021.

**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

#### Solicitation of Nominations for the Marine Debris Foundation Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Marine Debris Foundation Board of Directors (Board). The Board shall consist of 13 Directors, including the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

**DATES:** Nominations to the Board of Directors for the Marine Debris Foundation must be received in entirety no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on June 30, 2021. Nomination packages received after this time will not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be emailed (recommended) to [marinedebris.foundation@noaa.gov](mailto:marinedebris.foundation@noaa.gov) with the subject line "Marine Debris Foundation Nomination", or mailed to Caitlin Wessel, Marine Debris Foundation Nomination, c/o NOAA Disaster Response Center, 7344 Ziegler Blvd., Mobile, AL 36608.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caitlin Wessel, Ph.D., Phone 251-222-0276; Email [caitlin.wessel@noaa.gov](mailto:caitlin.wessel@noaa.gov) or visit the NOAA Marine Debris Program website at <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/who-we-are/marine-debris-foundation>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 18, 2020 the passage of the Save Our Seas (SOS) 2.0 Act established the Marine Debris Foundation (Foundation) as a charitable and nonprofit organization. The purposes of the Foundation include encouraging, accepting, and administering private gifts of property for the benefit of, or in connection with, the activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under the