

▪ The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested Renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take); and

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

Upon review of the request for Renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: June 23, 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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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Notice of Initiation of a 5-Year Review of the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of 5-year review; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS and USFWS announce the initiation of a 5-year review for the Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*). We are required by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to conduct 5-year reviews to ensure that the species' listing status remains accurate. The 5-year review must be based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We request submission of any such information on the Kemp's ridley, particularly information on the

status, threats, and recovery of the species that has become available since the last 5-year review was published in July of 2015.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than August 30, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2021-0063, by the following method:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit electronic information via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter NOAA-NMFS-2021-0063 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon and complete the required fields. Enter or attach your comments.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the specified period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous submissions (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Schultz, by phone at (301) 427-8443 or [Jennifer.Schultz@noaa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Schultz@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces our 5-year review of the Kemp's ridley, which is listed as an endangered species under the ESA. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. On the basis of that review, we are required to determine whether a listed species should be removed from the list (*i.e.*, delisted) or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(2)(B)). The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species under active review.

Background information on the species is available on the NMFS website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/kemps-ridley-turtle>.

#### Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information,

we are soliciting new information from the public, governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of the species. Categories of requested information include: (1) Species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (2) habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and important features for conservation; (3) status and trends of threats to the species and its habitats; (4) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species, including monitoring data demonstrating effectiveness of such measures; (5) need for additional conservation measures; and (6) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes and improved analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

If you wish to provide information for the review, you may submit your information and materials electronically (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: June 23, 2021.

**Margaret H. Miller,**

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species 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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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR webinar II for SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8: Fishery Independent Index Development Under Changing Survey Design.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8 for Fishery Independent Index Development will consist of a series of webinars, and an in-person

workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8 webinar II will be held Monday, July 19, 2021, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., Eastern.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; phone: (843) 571-4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including

fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion for the webinar are as follows:

Participants will discuss what data are available for use in SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to each workshop.

*Note:* The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: June 24, 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**

**[Docket No. 210623-0137; RTID 0648-XY100]**

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; 90-Day Finding on a Petition To List Harbor Seals in Iliamna Lake as a Threatened or Endangered Species**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; 90-day petition finding.

**SUMMARY:** We, NMFS, announce a 90-day finding on a petition to list the Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardii*) in Iliamna Lake as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to designate

critical habitat. We find that the petition and information readily available in our files does not present new information or analyses that had not been previously considered in our 2016 distinct population segment (DPS) assessment and petition finding and, therefore, the petition does not present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the petition and related materials are available from the NMFS websites at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/negative-90-day-findings> or upon request from the Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenna Malek, NMFS Alaska Region, (907) 271-1332, [Jenna.Malek@noaa.gov](mailto:Jenna.Malek@noaa.gov); Jon Kurland, NMFS Alaska Region, (907) 586-7638, [Jon.Kurland@noaa.gov](mailto:Jon.Kurland@noaa.gov); or Adrienne Lohe, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, (301) 427-8442, [Adrienne.Lohe@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.Lohe@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On February 6, 2020, we received a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) to list the harbor seals in Iliamna Lake, Alaska as a threatened or endangered species under the ESA and to designate critical habitat concurrent with listing. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), harbor seals in Alaska are divided into 12 separate stocks as described in NMFS's Alaska Marine Mammal Stock Assessments, 2019 (<https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/25642>). Harbor seals in Iliamna Lake are within the geographic range of the Bristol Bay harbor seal stock.

CBD previously petitioned NMFS to list the harbor seals in Iliamna Lake as threatened or endangered in 2012. NMFS published a positive 90-day finding in 2013 and commenced a review to determine whether these seals were a "species" and if so whether listing was warranted (78 FR 29098; May 17, 2013). Per the joint NMFS-U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (jointly, "the Services") policy that clarifies the agencies' interpretation of the phrase "distinct population segment" (61 FR 4722; February 7, 1996), when determining whether a population segment is a DPS, we consider both the discreteness and the significance of the population segment in relation to the remainder of the