

square inch (*i.e.*, W1.4 or D1.4 is .014 square inches).

Smooth wire is wire that has a uniform cross-sectional diameter throughout the length of the wire.

Deformed wire is wire with indentations or raised transverse ribs, which results in wire that does not have a uniform cross-sectional diameter throughout the length of the wire.

Rolls of subject wire mesh are produced in the following styles and nominal width and length combinations:

Style: 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4 (*i.e.*, 10 gauge)

Roll Sizes:

- 5' X 50'
- 5' X 150'
- 6' X 150'
- 5' X 200'
- 7' X 200'
- 7.5' X 200'

Style: 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1 (*i.e.*, 8 gauge)

Roll Sizes:

- 5' X 150'

Style: 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (*i.e.*, 6 gauge)

Roll Sizes:

- 5' X 150'
- 7' X 200'

All rolled wire mesh is included in scope regardless of length.

Sheets of subject wire mesh are produced in the following styles and nominal width and length combinations:

Style: 6X6 W1.4/W1.4 or D1.4/D1.4 (*i.e.*, 10 gauge)

Sheet Size:

- 3'6" X 7'
- 4' X 7'
- 4' X 7'6"
- 5' X 10'
- 7' X 20'
- 7'6" X 20'
- 8' X 12'6"
- 8' X 15'
- 8' X 20'

Style: 6X6 W2.1/W2.1 or D2.1/D2.1 (*i.e.*, 8 gauge)

Sheet Size:

- 5' X 10'
- 7' X 20'
- 7'6" X 20'
- 8' X 12'6"
- 8' X 15'
- 8' X 20'

Style: 6X6 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (*i.e.*, 6 gauge)

Sheet Size:

- 3'6" X 20'
- 5' X 10'
- 7' X 20'
- 7'6" X 20'
- 8' X 12'6"
- 8' X 15'
- 8' X 20'

Style: 6X12 W4/W4 or D4/D4 (*i.e.*, 4 gauge)

Sheet Size:

- 8' X 20'

Style: 4X4 W2.9/W2.9 or D2.9/D2.9 (*i.e.*, 6 gauge)

Sheet Size:

- 5' X 10'
- 7' X 20'

7'6" X 20'

8' X 12'6"

8' X 12'8"

8' X 15'

8' X 20'

Style: 4X4 W4/W4 or D4/D4 (*i.e.*, 4 gauge)

Sheet Size:

- 5' X 10'
- 8' X 12'6"
- 8' X 12'8"
- 8' X 15'
- 8' X 20'

Any product imported, sold, or invoiced in one of these size combinations is within the scope.

ASTM specification A1064/A1064M provides for permissible variations in wire gauges, the spacing between transverse and longitudinal wires, and the length and width combinations. To the extent a roll or sheet of welded wire mesh falls within these permissible variations, it is within this scope.

ASTM specification A1064/A1064M also defines permissible oversteeling, which is the use of a heavier gauge wire with a larger cross-sectional area than nominally specified. It also permits a wire diameter tolerance of ± 0.003 inches for products up to W5/D5 and ± 0.004 for sizes over W5/D5. A producer may oversteel by increasing smooth or deformed wire diameter up to two whole number size increments on Table 1 of A1064. Subject wire mesh has the following actual wire diameter ranges, which account for both oversteeling and diameter tolerance:

W/D No.	Maximum oversteeling No.	Diameter range (inch)
1.4 ( <i>i.e.</i> , 10 gauge)	3.4	0.093 to 0.211.
2.1 ( <i>i.e.</i> , 8 gauge)	4.1	0.161 to 0.231.
2.9 ( <i>i.e.</i> , 6 gauge)	4.9	0.189 to 0.253.
4.0 ( <i>i.e.</i> , 4 gauge)	6.0	0.223 to 0.280.

To the extent a roll or sheet of welded wire mesh falls within the permissible variations provided above, it is within this scope.

In addition to the tolerances permitted in ASTM specification A1064/A1064M, wire mesh within this scope includes combinations where:

1. A width and/or length combination varies by ± one grid size in any direction, *i.e.*, ± 6 inches in length or width where the wire mesh's grid size is "6X6"; and/or

2. The center-to-center spacing between individual wires may vary by up to one quarter of an inch from the nominal grid size specified.

Length is measured from the ends of any wire and width is measured between the center-line of end longitudinal wires.

Additionally, although the subject wire mesh typically meets ASTM A1064/A1064M, the failure to include certifications, test reports or other documentation establishing that the product meets this specification does not remove the product from the scope. Wire mesh made to comparable foreign specifications (*e.g.*, DIN, JIS, *etc.*) or proprietary specifications is included in the scope.

Excluded from the scope is wire mesh that is galvanized (*i.e.*, coated with zinc) or coated with an epoxy coating. In order to be excluded as galvanized, the excluded welded wire mesh must have a zinc coating thickness meeting the requirements of ASTM specification A641/A641M. Epoxy coating is a mix of epoxy resin and hardener that can be applied to the surface of steel wire.

Merchandise subject to this investigation are classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) categories 7314.20.0000 and 7314.39.0000. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XB293]

**Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Meeting of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public webinars/conference calls.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will hold a 3-day Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel (AP) meeting in September 2021. The intent of the HMS AP meeting is to consider options for the conservation and management of Atlantic HMS. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The AP meeting will be held by webinar and conference call from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8; from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 9; and from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, September 10.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be accessible via conference call and webinar. Conference call and webinar access information are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/september-2021-hms-advisory-panel-meeting>.

Participants are strongly encouraged to log/dial in 15 minutes prior to the meeting. NMFS will show the presentations via webinar and allow public comment during identified times on the agenda.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Cooper at (301) 427-8503 or [Peter.Cooper@noaa.gov](mailto:Peter.Cooper@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Atlantic HMS fisheries are managed under the dual authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA; 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). The 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS Fishery Management Plan (2006 Consolidated HMS FMP) and its amendments are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires the establishment of APs and requires NMFS to consult with and consider the comments and views of AP members during the preparation and implementation of FMPs or FMP amendments. 16 U.S.C. 1854(g)(1)(A)-(B). NMFS meets with the HMS AP approximately twice each year to consider potential alternatives for the conservation and management of Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and shark fisheries, consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

For this meeting, we anticipate discussing:

- Bluefin tuna fisheries management, including multiple sessions dedicated to Draft Amendment 13;
- The progress regarding a Report to Congress on an “assessment of fishing interference” by sharks and dolphins on commercial, charter, and recreational fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic as directed by the 2021 Appropriations Act Joint Explanatory Statement;
- The HMS best scientific information available (BSIA) framework draft document;
- The progress regarding spatial management models and considerations;

- Gear considerations and pelagic and demersal indicator species lists; and
- A plan to establish term limits for HMS AP members.

Additional information on the meetings and a copy of the draft agenda will be posted prior to the meeting at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/september-2021-hms-advisory-panel-meeting>.

Dated: August 3, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 25563

**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 Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: John Bengtson), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on 20 species of marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 8, 2021.

**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. 25563 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 25563 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Hapeman or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (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 monitor cetacean population trends, abundance, distribution, and health in the North Pacific Ocean, the Bering, Beaufort, and Chukchi Seas, and Gulf of Maine. Researchers would study 20 species of cetaceans including endangered and threatened blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*), Cook Inlet beluga (*Delphinapterus leucas*), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), North Pacific right (*Eubalaena japonica*), sei (*Balaenoptera borealis*), Southern Resident killer (*Orcinus orca*), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales. Researchers would conduct vessel and aerial (crewed and uncrewed) surveys for observations, counts, photography/videography (underwater, topside, and aerial), photogrammetry, photo-identification, biological sampling (exhaled air, feces, blubber and skin, sloughed skin, eDNA, and prey remains), invasive and non-invasive tagging, and active acoustics. Biological samples collected on the high seas would be imported to the United States. Up to nine species of pinnipeds could be unintentionally harassed during surveys. See the take tables for specific numbers and life stages requested for each species. The permit would be valid for five 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.