

monitoring measures) and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS preliminarily finds that small numbers of marine mammals would be taken relative to the population size of the affected species or stocks for the Pier 58 Reconstruction Project. NMFS also preliminarily finds that small numbers of marine mammals would be taken relative to the population size of the affected species or stocks for the Pier 63 Removal Project.

Unmitigable Adverse Impact Analysis and Determination

There are no relevant subsistence uses of the affected marine mammal stocks or species implicated by either of these projects. Therefore, NMFS has determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species, in this case with the West Coast Region Resources Division Office.

NMFS is proposing to authorize take of Southern Resident killer whales and Central America and Mexico DPSs of humpback whales, which are listed under the ESA.

The Permit and Conservation Division has requested initiation of Section 7 consultation with the West Coast Region for the issuance of these IHAs. NMFS will conclude the ESA consultation prior to reaching a determination regarding the proposed issuance of the authorizations.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue two IHAs to the City, one each for their Pier 58 Reconstruction Project and their Pier 63 Removal Project on the Seattle Waterfront in Seattle, Washington, effective as of August 2022, provided the previously discussed mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. The proposed IHAs can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/>

incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act.

Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our analyses, the proposed authorizations, and any other aspect of this notice of proposed IHAs for the proposed Pier 58 Reconstruction and Pier 63 Removal Projects. We also request at this time comment on the potential Renewal of these proposed IHAs as described in the paragraph below. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform decisions on the request for these IHAs or subsequent Renewal IHAs.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-time, one-year Renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activities section of this notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activities section of this notice would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and a Renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

(1) A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed Renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the Renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond one year from expiration of the initial IHA);

(2) The request for renewal must include the following:

- 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

- 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.

(3) 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: February 28, 2022.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,
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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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel via webinar 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 webinar will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 9 a.m. Webinar registration URL information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2118013858816000525>.

ADDRESSES: *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:

Agenda

The Advisory Panel will discuss Limited Access Leasing: review the updated draft scoping document that will be used to gather input on: (1) The need for a leasing program, and (2) and if needed, what should the leasing program consider. They will also discuss the Evaluation of Rotational Management: review final report, develop recommendations for next steps. Additionally, they plan to discuss the 2022–26 Council Research Priorities: Review current list of scallop research priorities and suggest updates. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come

before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 28, 2022.

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

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Adjustment of Fees for Seafood Inspection Services

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

ACTION: Notice of a revised fee schedule for seafood inspection services.

SUMMARY: The NMFS Seafood Inspection Program is notifying program participants of a revised fee schedule.

DATES: The revised fee schedule applies to services rendered as of April 1, 2022, until notified otherwise.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Wilson, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, 301-427-8350 or at steven.wilson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) operates a fee-for-service seafood inspection program (Program) under the authorities of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, the

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, and the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970. The regulations implementing the Program are contained in 50 CFR parts 260 and 261. The Program offers inspection, grading, and certification services, including the use of official quality grade marks which indicate that specific products have been Federally inspected. Those wishing to participate in the program must request the services and submit specific compliance information. Since 1992, NMFS has offered inspection services based on guidelines recommended by the National Academy of Sciences, known as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP).

Under the implementing regulations for the Program, fees are reviewed at least annually to ascertain that the hourly fees charged are adequate to recover the costs of the services rendered. Any necessary adjustments to fees are made in accordance with the requirements of 50 CFR 260.81 and are notified to program participants as stipulated at 50 CFR 260.70. This

Federal Register notice serves to inform program participants of an adjusted fee schedule, which applies to services rendered as of April 1, 2022, until notified otherwise.

NMFS will adjust its fees as outlined in this notice, which will apply until notified otherwise. Fees will be charged to contract and non-contract customers requesting services as listed below. The cost of other applicable services rendered will be recovered through fee collection using the base rate of \$164 per hour.

NMFS will continue to monitor revenues and expenses and will use adaptive adjustments to react to changing levels of demand and expenses. NMFS expects to announce additional changes to fees within the next year to recover the cost of the Program as nearly as possible. Additional fee increases may need to occur regularly to promote full cost recovery and to ensure the level and structure of reasonable fees are consistent with the cost of the services rendered and in accordance with accounting requirements.

Revised Fees and Charges for the U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC) Seafood Inspection Program

Effective April 1, 2022, per hour fees and charges for fishery products inspection services will be as follows. The base contract and non-contract rates will increase by 15 percent from the current established rate and will apply until notified otherwise. The rate for certificate requests will remain at the

established rate in effect as of June 2021. The rate for HACCP/Quality Management Program (QMP) contract services will decrease by 12 percent based on current estimates of the direct cost of delivering the services.

Contract Rates

Regular time: Services provided during any 8-hour shift.

Overtime: Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule.

In addition to any hourly service charge, a night differential fee equal to 10 percent of the employee's hourly salary will be charged for each hour of service provided after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m. A guarantee of payment is required for all contracts equal to three months of service or \$10,000, whichever is greater.

Non-Contract Rates

Regular time: Services provided within the inspector's normal work schedule, Monday through Friday.

Overtime: Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule.

Any services under contract in excess of the contracted hours will be charged at the non-contract rate.

Contract Rates

Non-HACCP Contracts

Regular Time: \$164.00

Overtime: \$246.00

Sunday & Holidays: \$328.00

HACCP/QMP Contracts

HACCP Regular: \$271.00

HACCP Overtime: \$407.00

HACCP Sunday & Holidays: \$542.00

All Non-Contract Work Rates

Regular Time: \$248.00

Overtime: \$372.00

Sunday & Holidays: \$496.00

Certificates

All certificate requests, whether or not a product inspection was conducted, will be billed at a set flat rate of \$99 per request.

Additional information about, and applications for, Program services and fees may be obtained from NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Dated: February 25, 2022.

Alexa Cole,

Director, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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