

TABLE 1—TAKE ANALYSIS—Continued

Species	Authorized take <sup>1</sup>	Abundance <sup>2</sup>	Percent abundance
False killer whale .....	40	3,204	n/a
Killer whale .....	40	267	n/a
Short-finned pilot whale .....	40	1,981	n/a

<sup>1</sup> Scalar ratios were not applied in this case due to brief survey duration.

<sup>2</sup> Best abundance estimate. For most taxa, the best abundance estimate for purposes of comparison with take estimates is considered here to be the model-predicted abundance (Roberts *et al.*, 2016). For those taxa where a density surface model predicting abundance by month was produced, the maximum mean seasonal abundance was used. For those taxa where abundance is not predicted by month, only mean annual abundance is available. For the killer whale, the larger estimated SAR abundance estimate is used.

<sup>3</sup> The final rule refers to the GOM Bryde's whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*). These whales were subsequently described as a new species, Rice's whale (*Balaenoptera ricei*) (Rosel *et al.*, 2021).

<sup>4</sup> Modeled take produced a non-zero number which was rounded down to zero.

Based on the analysis contained herein of BHP's proposed survey activity described in its LOA application and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the affected species or stock sizes and therefore is of no more than small numbers.

#### Authorization

NMFS has determined that the level of taking for this LOA request is consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under the incidental take regulations and that the amount of take authorized under the LOA is of no more than small numbers. Accordingly, we have issued an LOA to BHP authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to its geophysical survey activity, as described above.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of webconference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council)'s Enforcement Committee will hold a webconference March 29, 2022.

**DATES:** The Enforcement Committee will begin on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be by webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2873>.

**Council address:** North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via webconference are given under Connection Information, below.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

The Enforcement Committee will review Council agenda item C1 IFQ Omnibus Amendments. This analysis considers several elements intended to increase operational flexibility for those using pot and jig gear to harvest IFQ, as well as a separate alternative to remove the Adak CQE residency requirement for five years to provide more opportunity for the Adak CQE to fully harvest its allocation. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2873> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

#### Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2873>. For technical support, please contact our administrative staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

#### Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://>

[meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2873](https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2873).

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of webconference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Ecosystem Committee will meet March 29, 2022 through March 30, 2022.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, through Wednesday, March 30, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2856>.

**Council address:** North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**