

comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly 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:

- 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).

- 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).

(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: April 1, 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

[RTID 0648-XB930]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) is holding an online meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The online meeting will be held Friday, April 22, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time and continues Friday, April 29, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kit Dahl, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is for the HMSMT to review preliminary modeling results used to evaluate the range of alternatives for high priority protected species hard caps in the California large mesh drift gillnet fishery adopted by the Council in November 2021, consider any modifications or updates to model specifications, and discuss the contents of its report for the June 2022 Council meeting on its preliminary evaluation of the alternatives. The HMSMT also may discuss other topics of interest relevant to the June 2022 Council meeting agenda.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris

Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 1, 2022.

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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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Research Track Assessment for Eastern Georges Bank and Georges Bank Haddock

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Eastern Georges Bank (EGB) and Georges Bank (GB) haddock stocks. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. and Canadian waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the research track working group and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts from the Center of Independent Experts (CIE). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from March 28, 2022-March 31, 2022. The meeting will conclude on March 31, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via WebEx.

Link: <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=mfadfc0e507ed052d63c95340b3a9d9d4>.

Meeting number (access code): 2764 775 0084.

Meeting password: D9Zm8ZBMbZ8.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Michele Traver, phone: 508–257–1642; email: michele.traver@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england->

mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic. For additional information about research track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments>.

Daily Meeting Agenda—Research Track Peer Review Meeting

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
Monday, March 28, 2022			
11 a.m.–11:15 a.m	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/Agenda/Conduct of Meeting.	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead. Russ Brown, PopDy Branch Chief Richard Merrick and Rob Kronlund, Panel Co-Chairs.	
11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m	Term of Reference (TOR) #2	Liz Brooks, Monica Finley	GB Catch data (US/Can), EGB Catch data (US/Can).
12:45 p.m.–1:15 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
1:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m	Break.		
1:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m	TOR #3	Liz Brooks, Monica Finley	GB Surveys, EGB Surveys.
3:45 p.m.–4 p.m	Break.		
4 p.m.–4:30 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
4:45 p.m	Adjourn.		
Tuesday, March 29, 2022			
11 a.m.–11:05 a.m	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead. Richard Merrick and Rob Kronlund, Panel Co-Chairs.	
11:05 a.m.–1 p.m	TORs #1 and #9	Kevin Friedland, Yanjun Wang, Liz Brooks.	Ecosystem and Recruitment Processes.
1 p.m.–1:30 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
1:30 p.m.–2 p.m	Break.		
2 p.m.–4 p.m	TORs #10 and #12	Yanjun Wang, Steve Cadrin	Density-Dependent Growth and Stock Structure.
4 p.m.–4:15 p.m	Break.		
4:15 p.m.–4:45 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
4:45 p.m.–5 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
5 p.m	Adjourn.		
Wednesday, March 30, 2022			
11 a.m.–11:05 a.m	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead. Richard Merrick and Rob Kronlund, Panel Co-Chairs.	
11:05 a.m.–1 p.m	TOR #4	Liz Brooks, Tom Carruthers	Mortality, Recruitment and Biomass Estimates. GB Models. EGB Models.
1 p.m.–1:30 p.m	Break.		
1:30 p.m.–4 p.m	TOR #4 cont	Liz Brooks, Tom Carruthers	Mortality, Recruitment and Biomass Estimates. GB Models. EGB Models.
4 p.m.–4:15 p.m	Break.		
4:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
4:45 p.m	Adjourn.		
Thursday, March 31, 2022			
11 a.m.–11:05 a.m	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead. Richard Merrick and Rob Kronlund, Panel Co-Chairs.	

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
11:05 a.m.–1 p.m	TORs #5, #11 and #6	Liz Brooks, Tom Carruthers	BRPs. EGB Reference. Points Projections.
1 p.m.–1:30 p.m	Break.		
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m	TORs #8 and #7	Liz Brooks, Tom Carruthers, Brian Linton.	Alternative Assessment Approach. Research Recommendations.
3:30 p.m.–4 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.	
4 p.m.–4:15 p.m	Public Comment	Public.	
4:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m	Break.		
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m	Panel Wrap-up and Report Discussion.	Review Panel.	
5:30 p.m	Adjourn..		

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Discussion’ session on Thursday, March 31st, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email.

Dated: March 31, 2022.

Ngagne Jafnar Gueye,
Acting 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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Navy Construction of the Multifunctional Expansion of Dry Dock 1 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the U.S. Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass, by Level A and B harassment, marine mammals during activities associated with the Multifunctional Expansion of Dry Dock 1 at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

DATES: This Authorization is effective from April, 1 2022 through March 31, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Egger, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401. Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed incidental take authorization may be provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to in shorthand as

“mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. The definitions of all applicable MMPA statutory terms cited above are included in the relevant sections below.

Summary of Request

On September 2, 2021, NMFS received a request from the Navy for an IHA to take marine mammals incidental to construction activities associated with the multifunctional expansion of Dry Dock 1 project (also referred to as P–831) at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. The Navy submitted a revised version of the application on December 21, 2021. The application was deemed adequate and complete on February 10, 2022. The Navy’s request is for take of harbor porpoises, harbor seals, gray seals, harp seals, and hooded seals by Level A harassment and Level B harassment. Neither the Navy nor NMFS expects serious injury or mortality to result from this activity; therefore, an IHA is appropriate.

Description of Proposed Activity

The shipyard is located in the Piscataqua River in Kittery, Maine. The Piscataqua River originates at the boundary of Dover, New Hampshire, and Eliot, Maine Multifunctional Expansion of Dry Dock 1 (P–381) is one of three projects that support the overall expansion and modification of Dry Dock 1, located in the western extent of the shipyard. The previous two projects, construction of a super flood basin (P–310) and extension of portal crane rail and utilities (P–1074) are currently under construction. Work associated with P–310 and P–1074 has been and/or is being completed under the separate IHAs issued by NMFS. The projects have been phased to support Navy mission schedules. P–381 will be constructed within the same footprint of the super flood basin over an approximated 7-year period. In-water activities are expected to occur within the first 5 years, between April 2022 and