

data in the literature regarding seasonal distribution of marine mammals in the GOM. Information supporting the small numbers determinations is provided in table 1.

TABLE 1—TAKE ANALYSIS

Species	Authorized take ^a	Abundance ^b	Percent abundance
Rice's whale	0	51	n/a
Sperm whale	210	2,207	9.5
<i>Kogia</i> spp.	^c 89	4,373	1.8
Beaked whales	929	3,768	24.6
Rough-toothed dolphin	160	4,853	3.3
Bottlenose dolphin	757	176,108	0.4
Clymene dolphin	449	11,895	3.8
Atlantic spotted dolphin	302	74,785	0.4
Pantropical spotted dolphin	2,039	102,361	2
Spinner dolphin	546	25,114	2.2
Striped dolphin	176	5,229	3.4
Fraser's dolphin	^d 50	1,665	3
Risso's dolphin	132	3,764	3.5
Melon-headed whale	295	7,003	4.2
Pygmy killer whale	69	2,126	3.3
False killer whale	111	3,204	3.5
Killer whale	0	267	n/a
Short-finned pilot whale	85	1,981	4.3

^a Scalar ratios were not applied in this case due to brief survey duration.

^b 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 Rice's whale and killer whale, the larger estimated SAR abundance estimate is used.

^c Includes 4 takes by Level A harassment and 76 takes by Level B harassment.

^d Modeled exposure estimate less than assumed average group size (Maze-Foley and Mullin, 2006).

Based on the analysis contained herein of Anadarko'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 (*i.e.*, less than one-third of the best available abundance estimate) and therefore the taking 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 Anadarko authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to its geophysical survey activity, as described above.

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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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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Law Enforcement Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) will hold a meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP) January 29-30, 2024, in Charleston, SC.

DATES: The Law Enforcement AP will meet from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on January 29, and from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on January 30, 2024.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting information, including the agenda, overview, briefing book materials, and an online public comment form will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/advisory-panel-meetings/> 2 weeks prior to the meeting. The meeting is open to the public and available via webinar as it occurs. The webinar registration link will be available from the Council's website. Public comment will also be taken during the meeting.

The agenda for the Law Enforcement AP meeting includes: an update on developing amendments; discussion of enforcement components of amendments for wreckfish management (Snapper Grouper Amendment 48), recreational permitting for the Snapper Grouper Fishery (Snapper Grouper Amendment 46), and on-demand gear for black sea bass pots (Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 36). The AP will also receive an overview and discuss tournament sales of king mackerel; updates on compliance with for-hire reporting, descending devices, and protected areas; and general updates from Federal and state enforcement representatives. The AP will provide input and recommendations on agenda items for the Council's consideration and address other items as needed.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: January 5, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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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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 (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC) to review public comments associated with the 2021 stock assessment and 2023 rebuilding analyses of quillback rockfish off California. The SSC GFSC meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in person with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment.

DATES: The SSC GFSC meeting will be held Friday, January 26, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (Pacific standard time) or when business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The SSC GFSC meeting will be held in the Wallingford/Fremont Rooms of the Watertown Hotel/Inn, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105; telephone 206-826-4242.

This meeting is being conducted in person with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment. Specific meeting information, materials, and instructions for how to connect to the meeting remotely will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see <https://www.pcouncil.org>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact

him at 503-820-2280, extension 412 for technical assistance.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marlene A. Bellman, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2414, email: marlene.bellman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the SSC GFSC meeting is to review public comments associated with the 2021 stock assessment and 2023 rebuilding analyses of quillback rockfish off California, as provided during the November 2023 Pacific Council meeting. The review meeting will follow Terms of Reference designed for this specific review as requested by the Pacific Council, as well as SSC operational guidelines.

No management actions will be decided by the SSC GFSC. The meeting participants' role will be the development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the full SSC and Pacific Council at the March 2024 meeting in Fresno, California.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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: January 5, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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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Marine Mammals; File No. 27607

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Sean Todd, Ph.D., College of the Atlantic, 105 Eden Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609, has applied in due form for a permit for scientific research on marine mammal parts.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 9, 2024.

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. 27607 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 27607 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. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin, Ph.D., 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to receive, import, and export parts for research from up to 150 individual cetaceans and 500 individual pinnipeds of any species, annually. Sources of parts may include animals in foreign countries stranded alive or dead or that died