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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; email: [devans@npfmc.org](mailto:devans@npfmc.org); telephone: (907) 271–2809. For technical support please contact our Council administrative staff, email: [support@npfmc.org](mailto:support@npfmc.org).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

Monday, March 2, 2026

Legislative Committee Agenda

The Legislative Committee agenda will include a review of recently introduced Federal legislation regarding fisheries management, and an evaluation of potential impacts of legislation on the Council's ability to perform the functions specified in its grant, fulfill its responsibilities under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, or affect the Council's ability to conserve and manage marine resources and resource users. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3125> 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/3125>. For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: [support@npfmc.org](mailto:support@npfmc.org).

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically through the links at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3125>. The written comment period closes at 5 p.m. Alaska Time on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

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

Dated: January 30, 2026.

**Becky J. Curtis,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XF500]

**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Social Science Planning Committee (SSPC) meeting to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The SSPC meeting will be held on February 12, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., HST. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The SSPC meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting for members and the public, with a remote participation option available via Webex. In-person attendance will be hosted at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522–8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A public comment period will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Agenda for the SSPC Meeting**

Thursday, February 12, 2026, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., HST

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Social, Economic, Ecological, and Management Process Review Working Group Report
4. SSPC Role Working Group Report
5. Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report Human Dimensions Module Changes
6. Review of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Research Priorities
7. Project Updates

8. Other Business
9. Public Comment
10. Discussion and Recommendations

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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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 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Marine and Aviation Operations Research Vessel Relocation at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the research vessel relocation project at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport, Rhode Island.

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

**ADDRESSES:** 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/action/incidental-take-authorization-noaa-office-marine-and-aviation-operations-research-vessel-0>. In case of problems accessing these

documents, please call the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Cockrell, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**MMPA Background and Determinations**

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Among the exceptions is section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) which directs the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment 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 the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS will issue an IHA if it 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 here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” can be found in the MMPA and the NMFS’ implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

On December 19, 2025, a notice of NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to OMAO for take of marine mammals incidental to the research vessel relocation project at NAVSTA Newport, Rhode Island was published in the **Federal Register** (90 FR 59507). In that notice, NMFS indicated the estimated numbers, type, and methods of incidental take proposed for each species or stock, as well as the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures that would be required should the IHA be issued. The **Federal Register** notice also included analysis to support NMFS’ preliminary conclusions and determinations that the IHA, if issued,

would satisfy the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for issuance of the IHA. The **Federal Register** notice included web links to a draft IHA for review, as well as other supporting documents.

No comments were received during the public comment period. There are no changes to the specified activity, the species taken, the proposed numbers, type, or methods of take, or the mitigation, monitoring, or reporting measures in the proposed IHA notice. No new information that would change any of the preliminary analyses, conclusions, or determinations in the proposed IHA notice has become available since that notice was published, and therefore, the preliminary analyses, conclusions, and determinations included in the proposed IHA are considered final.

**National Environmental Policy Act**

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NAO 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

**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 ensures 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.

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is authorized or expected to result from this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

**Authorization**

Accordingly, consistent with the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, NMFS has issued an IHA to OMAO for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the research vessel relocation project at NAVSTA Newport, Rhode Island.

Dated: January 30, 2026.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION**

[DFC-020]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comments Request**

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency is creating a new information collection for OMB review and approval and requests public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information; the accuracy of the burden estimate; the quality, practical utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize reporting the burden, including automated collected techniques and uses of other forms of technology.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 6, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for copies of the subject information collection may be sent by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Deborah Papadopoulos, Agency Submitting Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20527.

- *Email:* [fedreg@dfc.gov](mailto:fedreg@dfc.gov).

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and agency form number or OMB form number for this information collection. Electronic submissions must include the agency form number in the subject line to ensure proper routing. Please note that all written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.