

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Agenda**

A Scientific and Statistical Committee Subpanel will review recent research on the development of standardized monkfish catch per unit effort (CPUE) indices. The research was conducted by the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School for Marine Science & Technology and the Northeast Fisheries Science Center Cooperative Research Branch. In this review, the subpanel will: (1) review the methods presented for developing monkfish CPUE indices, (2) consider how this research can inform future monkfish stock assessments and management measures, and (3) provide any recommendations for improving the research. This technical review follows the Council's Research Review Policy, consistent with National Standard 2 Guidelines. Other business will be discussed as 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 Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

*Authority:* 6 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 18, 2026.

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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 web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Ecosystem Committee will meet March 6, 2026.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3123>.

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The Ecosystem Committee agenda will include: (a) Introductions and Terms of Reference; (b) Discuss Council's Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)/ climate resilience activities, including discussion and prioritization of potential new activities; (c) Review Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) 5-Year review plan and discuss anticipated information products and potential committee role in review; and receive an overview of the Alaska Climate and Sponge Initiative; (d) Review the Groundfish Management Policy triennial review approach adopted by the Council in December 2025 and prepare for review of future draft products. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3123> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

**Connection Information**

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at:

<https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3123>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3123>.

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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 a Marine Geophysical Survey of the East Pacific Rise in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean**

**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 the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (L-DEO) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey of the East Pacific Rise in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP).

**DATES:** This authorization is effective for 1 year from the date of notification by the IHA-holder, not to exceed 1 year from the date of issuance (February 11, 2026).

**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/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research-and-other-activities#active-authorizations>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.