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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Notice of Public Meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the Commission will hold a public meeting via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to continue to hear topic presentations as part of the concept stage.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 16, 2026; 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via Zoom.

*Registration Link (Audio/Visual):*  
[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_hU3nVbeVS16nUyrYXmQhKQ](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_hU3nVbeVS16nUyrYXmQhKQ).

*Join by Phone (Audio Only):* 1-833 435 1820 USA Toll Free; Webinar ID: 160 608 7073 #.

*Agenda:* <https://usccr.box.com/s/utfbp80xzddqbw9o61doonq3jmqjaney> (note: a final meeting agenda will be available prior to the meeting date).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Victoria Moreno, Designated Federal Officer, at [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) or 1-434-515-0204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This virtual committee meeting is available to the public through the registration link above. Any interested member of the public may join at the link to listen to this meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow

members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning is available by selecting "CC" in the Zoom meeting platform. To request additional accommodations, please email [ebohor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebohor@usccr.gov) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Evelyn Bohor, [ebohor@usccr.gov](mailto:ebohor@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at (202) 809-9618.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### North Pacific Swordfish United States Stakeholder Meeting; Meeting Announcement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a U.S. stakeholder meeting to discuss North Pacific swordfish (NP SWO) management. This meeting is intended to gather stakeholder input and prepare for potential discussions at the 2026 annual meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee (WCPFC NC) related to management of NP SWO fisheries. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on April 22, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. HST. You must complete the registration process by April 15, 2026, if you plan to attend the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**).

**ADDRESSES:** If you plan to attend the meeting, which will be held by webinar, please register at <https://forms.gle/GxM2uPBnAnq9hRhT7>. Instructions for attending the meeting will be emailed to meeting participants before the meeting occurs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Valerie Post, Pacific Islands Regional Office at (808) 725-5034 or [valerie.post@noaa.gov](mailto:valerie.post@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2025, the WCPFC NC agreed to initiate a management strategy evaluation (MSE) for NP SWO, and tasked itself to discuss candidate operational management objectives for western and central NP SWO in 2026 as well as tasked the International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean to begin technical work on an MSE for NP SWO. This stakeholder meeting is intended to provide information on the MSE process, gather stakeholder input about options for MSE objectives, and prepare for anticipated discussions at the WCPFC NC in 2026.

### NP SWO U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics

The meeting agenda will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include a discussion on preferences for management objectives for NP SWO, metrics to measure how potential future harvest strategies for NP SWO meet those objectives, candidate reference points and candidate harvest control rules.

### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be indicated when registering for

the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**) by April 15, 2026.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: March 31, 2026.

**David R. Blankinship,**

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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 the Port of San Francisco Mission Bay Ferry Landing Project in San Francisco Bay, California

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from the Port of San Francisco (PSF) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Mission Bay Ferry Landing (MBFL) Project in San Francisco Bay (SFB), California (CA). Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on possible one-time, 1-year renewals for each IHA that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in the Request for Public Comments section at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorization and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than May 4, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be submitted via email to [ITP.esch@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.esch@noaa.gov)

*noaa.gov.* 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-construction-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

*Instructions:* NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Section 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs 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 proposed or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed IHA is 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; 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 the species or stocks for taking for

certain subsistence uses (referred to as “mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of the takings. The definitions of all applicable MMPA statutory terms used above are included in the relevant sections below (see also 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 C.F.R 216.3, and 216.103).

#### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (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.

These actions are consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 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 preliminarily determined that the issuance of the proposed IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

#### Summary of Request

On October 10, 2025, NMFS received a request from PSF for an IHA to take marine mammals incidental to vibratory pile driving and extraction, and down-the-hole (DTH) driving, necessary for construction of the MBFL Project within PSF’s Southern Waterfront in the Mission Bay/Central Waterfront area.

NMFS previously issued an IHA to PSF to harass small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to similar activities, effective June 1, 2019, to May 31, 2020 (83 FR 53217, October 22, 2018). Following issuance of the original IHA, Project construction was significantly delayed due to the City of San Francisco’s project resources and funding constraints. PSF then divided the Project construction sequencing into two phases. MBFL Phase 1 project elements, completed from June to November 2020, included only project activities incidental to which take of marine mammals was not anticipated (*i.e.*, demolition, dredging, and sand capping). Following a five-year construction delay, PSF is preparing to initiate construction of the remaining MBFL Phase 2 elements (*i.e.*, pile installation and extraction using vibratory methods and DTH driving). Since issuance of the 2018 IHA, PSF has