

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish Advisory Panels (APs).

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 27, 2012 at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Baltimore—BWI Airport, 890 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090; telephone: (1-410) 859-8400.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review fishery performance and create an AP Fishery Performance Report for Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 1, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****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 panel to review assessment methods for data-moderate stocks will hold a work session that is open to the public.

DATES: The Review of Assessment Methods for Data-Moderate Stocks will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2012 and end at 5 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The Panel will reconvene on Wednesday, June 27 and will continue through Friday, June 29, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business. The Panel will adjourn on Friday, June 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The Review of Assessment Methods for Data-Moderate Stocks will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service's Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Traynor Seminar Room, Seattle, WA 98115; telephone: (206) 526-4000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (541) 961-8475; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of the assessment methods for data-moderate stocks review meeting are (1) evaluate inclusion of trend information into simple assessment methodologies and validate model performance by providing examples for assessed stocks or operating models for which the assumptions of the simpler models are not met; and (2) provide a list of endorsed methods for use on data-moderate stocks in Pacific Fishery Management Council's Groundfish

Fishery Management Plan. This workshop will also provide an opportunity to refine methods used for category 3 stocks, and review progress on evaluating methods for determining uncertainty (σ) for each of three categories of stock assessment

uncertainty used by the Council. It is anticipated that reviewers will provide endorsement of specific data-moderate methodologies so that a number of candidate category 2 stock assessments using simple assessment models can be conducted and reviewed during the 2013 stock assessment cycle for use in the 2015-16 management cycle.

No management actions will be decided by the Panel. The Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Pacific Council at its September meeting in Boise, ID.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Review Panel action during this meeting. Panel 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Panel participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 1, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****RIN 0648-XA861****Marine Mammals; File No. 16473**

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to D. Ann Pabst, Ph.D., University of North Carolina Wilmington, to conduct research on marine mammals.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristy Beard or Carrie Hubard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 9, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 76950) that a request for a permit to conduct research on humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei (*B. borealis*), minke (*B. acutorostrata*), dwarf and pygmy sperm (*Kogia spp.*), unidentified beaked, killer (*Orcinus orca*), pilot (*Globicephala spp.*), false killer (*Pseudorca crassidens*), pygmy killer (*Feresa attenuata*), and melon-headed (*Peponocephala electra*) whales, bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*), Atlantic spotted (*Stenella frontalis*), Risso's (*Grampus griseus*), Fraser's (*Lagenodelphis hosei*), rough-toothed (*Steno bredanensis*), pantropical spotted (*S. attenuata*), striped (*S. coeruleoalba*), clymene (*S. clymene*), spinner (*S. longirostris*), and short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), and harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 permit authorizes takes of the species listed above during aerial and vessel surveys to conduct counts, photo-identification, and behavioral

observations and is valid for five years from the date of issuance.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on May 30, 2012.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 1, 2012.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XB159

Marine Mammals; File No. 17217

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Saint Louis Zoo, 1 Government Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110, has been issued a permit to import four harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) for public display.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Colette Cairns, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 16, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 22563) that a request for a public display permit, had been submitted by the above-named organization to import four harbor seals from Storybrook Gardens in Ontario, Canada for purposes of public display at the St. Louis Zoo. The requested permit has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: May 30, 2012.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of closed meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meeting of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held.

DATES: Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: 4800 Mark Center Drive, Room 06G13, Alexandria, VA 22350-1100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be