

Management Council, NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, and the NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of councils, commissions, and state and federal agencies.

SEDAR 28 Assessment Workshop Webinar

Panelists will continue deliberations and discussions regarding modeling methodologies for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spanish mackerel and cobia fisheries.

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

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: August 22, 2012.

William D. Chappell,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC190

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council)

and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet September 13–18, 2012. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Friday, September 14, 2012 at 10 a.m., reconvening each day through Tuesday, September 18, 2012. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held at the end of business on Friday, September 14 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, ID 83714; telephone: (208) 343-1871.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820-2280 or (866) 806-7204 toll free; or access the Pacific Council Web site, <http://www.pcouncil.org> for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Agenda

B. Enforcement Issues

Current Enforcement Issues

C. Highly Migratory Species Management

National Marine Fisheries Service Report

D. Habitat

Current Habitat Issues

E. Salmon Management

1. California Hatchery Review Report
2. 2012 Salmon Methodology Review
3. Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 17—Annual Regulatory Cycle and Minor Updates
4. FMP Amendment 18—Update of Essential Fish Habitat for Salmon
5. Lower Columbia Endangered Species Act Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Plan

F. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Pacific Halibut Management South of Humboldt Mountain
2. 2013 Pacific Halibut Regulations
3. Pacific Halibut Bycatch Estimate for Use in 2013 Groundfish Fisheries

G. Administrative Matters

1. Legislative Matters
2. Research Planning
3. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
4. Fiscal Matters
5. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
6. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

H. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Trawl Rationalization Trailing Actions for Cost Recovery and Process Issues
3. Stocks Assessment Planning
4. Update on Biological Opinion for the Groundfish Fishery, Including Consideration of Seabird Protection Regulations
5. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments
6. Phase I Report for Essential Fish Habitat Review
7. Reconsideration of Initial Catch Share Allocations in the Mothership and Shoreside Pacific Whiting Fisheries

I. Open Comment Period

Comments on Non-Agenda Items

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

Day 1—Thursday, September 13, 2012:		
Habitat Committee	8 a.m.	
Salmon Advisory Subpanel.	8 a.m.	
Salmon Technical Team Scientific and Statistical Committee.	8 a.m.	
Legislative Committee	2 p.m.	
Budget Committee	3:30 p.m.	
Enforcement Consultants	6 p.m.	
Day 2—Friday, September 14, 2012:		
California State Delegation.	7 a.m.	
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.	
Washington State Delegation.	7 a.m.	
Groundfish Management Team.	8 a.m.	
Salmon Advisory Subpanel.	8 a.m.	
Salmon Technical Team Scientific and Statistical Committee.	8 a.m.	
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.	3 a.m.	
Enforcement Consultants Chair's Reception	As Needed.	
Day 3—Saturday, September 15, 2012:	6 p.m.	

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS—
Continued

California State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee.	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team.	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee Economics and Groundfish Subcommittees.	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed.
Day 4—Sunday, September 16, 2012:	
California State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Essential Fish Habitat Review Committee.	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team.	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed.
Day 5—Monday, September 17, 2012:	
California State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel.	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team.	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed.
Day 6—Tuesday, September 18, 2012:	
California State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation.	7 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	As Needed.

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interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 22, 2012.

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Acting 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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Bird Mitigation Research in the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to a bird mitigation research trial in the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an IHA to the USFWS to take, by Level B harassment only, five species of marine mammals during the specified activity.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than September 26, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. The mailbox address for providing email comments is

ITP.Magliocca@noaa.gov. NMFS is not responsible for email comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to *http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/*

incidental.htm without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to the address specified above, telephoning the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or visiting the Internet at: *http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm*. Documents cited in this notice may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Magliocca, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce 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 issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization 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), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the U.S. can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. Section 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed