

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that James T. Harvey, Ph.D., Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, 8272 Moss Landing Road, Moss Landing, CA 95039, has been issued a major amendment to Permit No. 555-1870-00.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 8, 2009, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 64686) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 555-1870-00 to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) had been submitted by the above-named applicant. One project in the requested permit amendment (increasing the number of animals taken in the wild) has been issued and another project in the requested amendment (temporary captivity of wild seals) has been denied 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).

The permit amendment (Permit No. 555-1870-01) authorizes an increase in the number of harbor seal pups taken annually in California by capture, sedation, tagging, and sampling from 40 seals (20 males and 20 females) to 70 seals (35 males and 35 females). The request to bring up to six seals into temporary captivity for a pilot study to assess the efficacy of a modified sedation protocol for the surgical implantation of subcutaneous tag implants was denied. The facility proposed did not meet minimum standards for space as required by Animal Welfare Act regulations for the humane handling, care and treatment of marine mammals. Therefore, the applicant could not demonstrate that the activity proposed was humane and did not present any unnecessary risks to

the health and welfare of the marine mammals (50 CFR 216.34(1)(a)).

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: February 24, 2010.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting of Wreckfish Shareholders for the South Atlantic region to discuss draft Amendment 20 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) which considers changes to the Wreckfish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of Wreckfish Shareholders for the South Atlantic region. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The meeting will take place March 29-30, 2010. The meeting will be held from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on March 29, 2010 and 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on March 30, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the office of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520. Persons interested in listening to the discussions may call (877) 774-6707, PIN 1 294.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is being convened to gather input from Wreckfish Shareholders on changes the Council is considering for the current ITQ program in Amendment 20 to the Snapper Grouper FMP. Some of the changes considered include implementing a cost recovery program, re-issuing unused quota, and implementing an Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for the wreckfish stock.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meetings.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: March 5, 2010.

**William D. Chappell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010 and conclude by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. John Froeschke, Fishery Biologist; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630 x235.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel will meet to discuss the development of general criteria for electronic reporting systems to improve accuracy and timeliness of data collected in Gulf of Mexico fisheries. On the first day of the meeting, the Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel will review electronic reporting systems, potential management benefits, consider challenges to implementation, and other requirements for the development of electronic reporting systems. The Advisory Panel will also discuss quality standards for self reported data with a review of existing Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCS) and Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) data Standards. On the second day, overviews of existing and pilot electronic reporting systems will be presented to the Advisory Panel. The Advisory Panel will review and discussing existing systems in place for commercial and recreational fisheries. The meeting will conclude with a discussion of minimum criteria and standards for electronic reporting systems for Gulf of Mexico fisheries for commercial and for-hire fisheries. The Advisory Panel will discuss issues related to data management and acquisition including: what data are needed to improve management, frequency of reported data, integration with existing data systems, and mechanisms for electronic reporting. The recommendations made by Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel will be presented to the Council at its April 12 - 15, 2010 meeting in Galveston, TX.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 5, 2010.

**William D. Chappell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Salmon Amendment Committee (SAC) will hold a meeting to develop draft alternatives and plan analyses for an amendment to the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to address the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) requirements for annual catch limits (ACL) and accountability measures (AM). This meeting of the SAC is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Thursday, April 1, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Pacific Council Office, Large Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The reauthorized MSA established new requirements to end and prevent overfishing through the use of ACLs and AMs. Federal FMPs must establish

mechanisms for ACLs and AMs by 2010 for stocks subject to overfishing and by 2011 for all others, with the exceptions of stocks managed under an international agreement or stocks with a life cycle of approximately one year.

On January 16, 2009, NMFS published amended guidelines for National Standard 1 (NS1) of the MSA to provide guidance on how to comply with new ACL and AM requirements. The NS1 guidelines include recommendations for establishing several related reference points to ensure scientific and management uncertainty are accounted for when management measures are established.

The purpose of this meeting is to develop alternatives to address those issues, and to plan analyses that will be used to evaluate those alternatives in a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the SAC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 5, 2010.

**William D. Chappell,**

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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.