

measures will effect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) USMC's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action, and; (4) appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. No incidental take of ESA-listed marine mammal species is expected to result from this activity, and none would be authorized. Therefore, NMFS has determined that consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

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, we must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment. In 2015, NMFS developed an Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the impacts of authorizing take of marine mammals incidental to the USMC's training activities at MCAS Cherry Point. Following review of this analysis, NMFS determined that the activity would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

NMFS has determined that there are no substantive changes to the evaluated action or new environmental impacts; and, therefore, the previous NEPA analysis remains valid. The 2015 EA and FONSI are posted online at www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-military-readiness-activities.

Renewal

NMFS has issued a Renewal IHA to USMC for the take of marine mammals incidental to training exercises at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS)

Cherry Point Range Complex, North Carolina, for a period of 1 year.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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North Pacific Albacore 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 albacore (NPALB) management. This meeting is intended as a follow-up to a meeting held by the International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean regarding a management strategy evaluation for NPALB. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The virtual meeting will be held on June 1, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. PDT (or until business is concluded). You must notify NMFS by May 24, 2021, if you plan to attend the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**).

ADDRESSES: If you plan to attend the meeting, which will be held by webinar, please notify Valerie Post, Pacific Islands Regional Office, NMFS, by email at valerie.post@noaa.com. Instructions for attending the meeting will be emailed to meeting participants before the meeting occurs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Celia Barroso, West Coast Region, at celia.barroso@noaa.gov or 562-432-1850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) recently completed a management strategy evaluation (MSE) on North Pacific albacore (NPALB),¹ and the ISC Albacore Working Group hosted a meeting among U.S. and Canadian

stakeholders from March 22–25, 2021, to review the results of the MSE. As a follow-up to the ISC meeting in March 2021, this U.S. stakeholder meeting is an opportunity for U.S. stakeholders to express their priorities and consider future management of NPALB.

NPALB U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics

This meeting will have an agenda that will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- (1) Results of the ISC NPALB MSE.
- (2) Management objectives.
- (3) Discussion of potential future harvest strategy for NPALB.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Valerie Post (see **ADDRESSES**) by May 24, 2021.

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

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Site Characterization Surveys Off the Coast of Massachusetts

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

ACTION: Notice; modified proposal of an incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on modified proposed authorization and possible renewal.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from Mayflower Wind Energy LLC (Mayflower) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to site characterization surveys off the coast of Massachusetts in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0521) and along potential submarine cable routes to landfall locations at Falmouth, Massachusetts and near

¹ http://isc.fra.go.jp/working_groups/albacore.html.