

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

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

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 5, 2024.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XD624]

**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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) Groundfish Subcommittee (GFSC) to review public comments associated with the 2021 stock assessment and 2023 rebuilding analyses of quillback rockfish off California. The SSC GFSC meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in person with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment.

**DATES:** The SSC GFSC meeting will be held Friday, January 26, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. (Pacific standard time) or when business for the day has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The SSC GFSC meeting will be held in the Wallingford/Fremont Rooms of the Watertown Hotel/Inn, 4242 Roosevelt Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105; telephone 206–826–4242.

This meeting is being conducted in person with a web broadcast that provides the opportunity for remote public comment. Specific meeting information, materials, and instructions for how to connect to the meeting remotely will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see <https://www.pcouncil.org>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact

him at 503–820–2280, extension 412 for technical assistance.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marlene A. Bellman, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2414, email: [marlene.bellman@noaa.gov](mailto:marlene.bellman@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the SSC GFSC meeting is to review public comments associated with the 2021 stock assessment and 2023 rebuilding analyses of quillback rockfish off California, as provided during the November 2023 Pacific Council meeting. The review meeting will follow Terms of Reference designed for this specific review as requested by the Pacific Council, as well as SSC operational guidelines.

No management actions will be decided by the SSC GFSC. The meeting participants' role will be the development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the full SSC and Pacific Council at the March 2024 meeting in Fresno, California.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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.

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Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 5, 2024.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy 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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**Marine Mammals; File No. 27607**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Sean Todd, Ph.D., College of the Atlantic, 105 Eden Street, Bar Harbor, ME 04609, has applied in due form for a permit for scientific research on marine mammal parts.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 27607 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 27607 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 applicant proposes to receive, import, and export parts for research from up to 150 individual cetaceans and 500 individual pinnipeds of any species, annually. Sources of parts may include animals in foreign countries stranded alive or dead or that died

during rehabilitation; and other authorized persons. Parts from U.S. stranded animals received under separate authorization may be exported for analysis. The parts would be used to understand persistent organic pollutants, heavy metals, and trace elements in marine mammals. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

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

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 5, 2024.

**Julia M. Harrison,**

*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

[RTID 0648-XD607]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of hybrid meeting open to the public offering both in-person and virtual options for participation.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 4-day hybrid meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Monday, January 29 through Thursday, February 1, 2024, 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., CST daily.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will take place at Hyatt Centric French Quarter, located at 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W. Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Carrie Simmons, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Monday, January 29, 2024; 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., CST*

The meeting will begin with the Administrative/Budget Committee reviewing and discussing the Proposed Standing and Special Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Reorganization for June 2024 Appointments, Ad Hoc and Standing Advisory Panels, Proposed 2024 Activities and Budget, and the 2020–2023 Administrative Award Anticipated Funding and Proposed Carryover Projects. The committee will review and approve Proposal Activities for Phase II Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Management Councils and finalize the Steering Committee makeup for the Recreational Initiative.

The Law Enforcement Committee will review summaries from the Law Enforcement Technical Committee discussion on Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Advanced Landings Notifications and additional topics.

The Data Collection Committee will receive a summary report from the Ad Hoc Charter For-hire Data Collection Advisory Panel meeting including recommendations and next steps for For-hire Electronic Reporting. Hold a discussion on Marine Recreational Information Program-Fishing Effort Survey (MRIP-FES) Inventory and Action Plan for the Gulf of Mexico and receive an update on the Status of the Timeline on the Implementation of the Commercial Logbooks.

The Shrimp Committee will receive an update on Early Adopter Program for Shrimp Cellular Vessel Monitoring Systems (cVMS) and discuss Shrimp Future Project: Workshops to Address Current Challenges and Future Scenario Planning.

*Tuesday, January 30, 2024; 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., CST*

The Reef Fish Committee will review and discuss draft options for Modification of Mid-Water Snapper Complex Composition and Catch Limits, Gag Grouper Management Measures and Final Action: Draft Abbreviated Framework Action: Modifications to Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper. The committee will also review Permit Requirements for Participation in Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs and review the 2023 Gulf Red Grouper Recreational Landings and Quota Closure.

The Sustainable Fisheries Committee will discuss Allocations and Allocation Review Policy and Summary of SSC Discussion on Incorporation Social Science Theory and methods in Ecosystem Assessments.

Immediately following the Sustainable Fisheries Committee, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will Host a General Question and Answer Session.

*Wednesday, January 31, 2024; 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., CST*

The Outreach and Education Committee will review the 2023 Communications Improvement Plan Progress and 2023 Analytics, 2023 In-Person Event Outreach Progress and 2024 Plan, and Communications Guidelines Book Review. The committee will discuss Fishery Ecosystem Plan Outreach, Coastal Migratory Pelagics Stakeholder Engagement and Management Timeline Tool. The committee will receive an update on Return 'Em Right Best Practices Manual and review other items from the O&E Technical Committee Summary.

At approximately 10:45 a.m., CST, the Council will reconvene with a Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. The Council will receive updates on NMFS National Seafood Strategy Regional Implementation Plan, update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico and Opportunities to Advance Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) in Gulf of Mexico Fisheries through the Southeast EEJ Implementation Plan; and, discuss Exempted Fishing Permit Application.

Following lunch, the Council will hold public comment testimony from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., CST for Final Action Item: Draft Abbreviated Framework Action: Modifications to Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Lane Snapper, receive comments on the Southeast EEJ Implementation Plan and Exempted Fishing Permit Application; including, open testimony on other fishery issues or concerns. Public comment may begin earlier than 1:30 p.m. CST but will not conclude before that time. Persons wishing to give public testimony in-person must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room. Persons wishing to give public testimony virtually must sign up via the link on the Council website. Registration for virtual testimony is open at the start of the meeting, Monday, January 29, at 8:30 a.m., CST and closes 1 hour before public