

Jurisdictional Allocations, Catch Limits, and South Atlantic Sector Annual Catch Limits.

The Committee will hold a discussion on Wenchman in the Gulf of Mexico, review the Revised Great Red Snapper Count Estimates and SSC Recommendations for re-evaluating Red Snapper Catch Advise, discuss any remaining SSC and Reef Fish Advisory Panel recommendations.

Full Council will reconvene in a CLOSED SESSION for selection of IFQ Focus Group Participants.

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022; 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., CST**

The Data Collection Committee will receive an update on Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program and review Draft Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels and Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) Recommendations. The Committee will receive a presentation on Update on Modifications to the Commercial Electronic Reporting Program. The Committee will receive an update on Upcoming Workshop to Evaluate State-federal Recreational Survey Differences.

The Sustainable Fisheries Committee will review and discuss Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology and SSC Recommendations.

Following lunch at approximately 1:30 p.m. CST, the Council will reconvene with a Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes; and receive a presentation on Density Estimations of age-0 and age-1 Gray Triggerfish, *Balistes capricus*, and Vermilion Snapper, *Rhomboplites aurorubens*, from 2007 to 2015, in the northern Gulf of Mexico.

The Council will hold public testimony from 2:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., CST on Final Action Item: Framework Action: Modification of Vermilion Snapper Catch Limits; and open testimony on other fishery issues or concerns. Public comment may begin earlier than 2:15 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 on the Council website on the day of public testimony. Registration for virtual testimony closes one hour (1:15 p.m. CST) before public testimony begins.

**Thursday, January 27, 2022; 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., CST**

The Council will receive Committee reports from Habitat Protection and Restoration, Shrimp, Outreach and Education, Mackerel, Data Collection, Reef Fish and Sustainable Fisheries Management Committees. The Council will review Closed Session Report and receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Louisiana Law Enforcement Efforts; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE); Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items.

#### Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting offering options for both in-person and virtual attendance. You may register for the webinar to “listen-in” only by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and click on the Council meeting tab.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other 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 these meetings. Actions 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 Act, provided that 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 sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348–1630, at least 15 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 21, 2021.

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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.

**ACTION:** Notice of webconference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Ecosystem Committee will meet January 25, 2022 through January 26, 2022.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, through Wednesday, January 26, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2481>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; phone; (907) 271–2809 and email: [diana.evans@noaa.gov](mailto:diana.evans@noaa.gov). For technical support please contact administrative Council staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Through Wednesday, January 26, 2022*

The Ecosystem Committee agenda will include discussion of the NOAA marine debris activities, northern fur seal co-management updates, essential fish habitat model development, forage fish research in Alaska, a planning update for the Council’s ecosystem workshop, discussion of the Committee role, and other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2481> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

#### Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2481>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2481>.

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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 Army Corps of Engineers Debris Dock Replacement Project, Sausalito, California**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for the re-issuance of a previously issued incidental harassment authorization (IHA) with the only change being effective dates. The initial IHA authorized take of seven species of marine mammals, by Level A and Level B harassment, incidental to construction associated with the Debris Dock Replacement Project in Sausalito, California. The project has been delayed and none of the work covered in the initial IHA has been conducted. The initial IHA was effective from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. The ACOE has requested re-issuance with new effective dates of January 5, 2022 through January 4, 2023. The scope of the activities and anticipated effects remain the same, authorized take numbers are not changed, and the required mitigation, monitoring, and reporting remains the same as included in the initial IHA. NMFS is, therefore, issuing a second identical IHA to cover the incidental take analyzed and authorized in the initial IHA.

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from January 5, 2022 through January 4, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy of the final 2021 IHA previously issued to the

ACOE, the ACOE's application, and the **Federal Register** notices proposing and issuing the initial IHA may be obtained by visiting [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-army-corps-engineers-debris-dock-replacement-project-sausalito](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-army-corps-engineers-debris-dock-replacement-project-sausalito). In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dwayne Meadows, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) 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.

An 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.

The MMPA states that the term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

**Summary of Request**

On July 14, 2021, NMFS published final notice of our issuance of an IHA authorizing take of marine mammals incidental to the Debris Dock Replacement project (86 FR 37124). The effective dates of that IHA were September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022. On December 14, 2021, the ACOE informed NMFS that the project was delayed. None of the work identified in the initial IHA (e.g., pile driving and removal) has occurred. The ACOE submitted a request that we reissue an identical IHA that would be effective from January 5, 2022 through January 4, 2023, in order to conduct the construction work that was analyzed and authorized through the previously issued IHA. Therefore, re-issuance of the IHA is appropriate.

**Summary of Specified Activity and Anticipated Impacts**

The planned activities (including mitigation, monitoring, and reporting), authorized incidental take, and anticipated impacts on the affected stocks are the same as those analyzed and authorized through the previously issued IHA.

The purpose of the ACOE's construction project is to replace the existing decaying dock and other onshore infrastructure used to move marine debris collected from San Francisco Bay onto land for disposal. The location, timing, and nature of the activities, including the types of equipment planned for use, are identical to those described in the initial IHA. The mitigation and monitoring are also as prescribed in the initial IHA.

Species that are expected to be taken by the planned activity include harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*), bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*), northern fur seal (*Callorhinus ursinus*), and northern elephant seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*). A description of the methods and inputs used to estimate take anticipated to occur and, ultimately, the take that was authorized is found in the previous documents referenced above. The data inputs and methods of estimating take are identical to those used in the initial IHA. NMFS has reviewed recent Stock Assessment Reports, information on relevant Unusual Mortality Events, and recent scientific literature, and determined that no new information affects our original analysis of impacts or take estimate under the initial IHA.