Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold an online meeting that is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time, or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see <a href="https://www.pcouncil.org">www.pcouncil.org</a>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820—2412 for technical assistance.

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

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to consider issues on the Pacific Council's April meeting. Topics may include Research and Data Needs, Council Operations and Priorities, and the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Coordination Report. The HMSMT may develop supplemental reports for Pacific Council consideration.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.

## **Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (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: March 10, 2025.

#### 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-XE748]

## New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a hybrid meeting of its Scallop Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 9 a.m. **ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman St., Boston, MA 02110;

telephone: (617) 567–5678. Webinar registration URL information: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/ meeting/register/qTZ2ZN0LRtKAT

w8ak8r-9A. Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

The Scallop Committee will meet to review input from the Visioning Sessions and discuss the development of the Long-Term Scallop Strategic Plan. They will also review progress on the LAGC IFQ Program Review. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

#### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 10, 2025.

## 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-XE737]

# 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's (Pacific Council) will convene an online meeting of its Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS), which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The online meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time, or until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see <a href="https://www.pcouncil.org">www.pcouncil.org</a>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820—2412 for technical assistance.

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

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gilly Lyons, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2427.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EAS will meet via webinar to discuss items relevant to ecosystem management in advance of the Pacific Council's April 10–15, 2025, meeting. A detailed meeting agenda will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.

### **Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (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: March 11, 2025.

#### 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-XE634]

Taking of Threatened or Endangered Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Proposed Issuance of Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is proposing to issue a permit to authorize the incidental, but not intentional, take of specific Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed marine mammal species or stocks under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), in the Category II California (CA) thresher shark/swordfish drift gillnet (≥14 inch (in) mesh) fishery and the corresponding high seas component of the fishery as defined on the MMPA List of Fisheries as the Pacific highly migratory species drift gillnet fishery (hereinafter, collectively referred to as the CA thresher shark/swordfish drift gillnet (≥14 in mesh)/Pacific highly migratory species drift gillnet fishery. DATES: Comments on this action and supporting documents must be received by April 14, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the proposed permit and the preliminary determination supporting the permit, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2025–0007, through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:

- 1. Go to https://www.regulations.gov and enter NOAA–NMFS–2025–0007 in the Search box.
- 2. Click the "Comment" icon, and complete the required fields.

3. Enter or attach your comments. Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on https://www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/ A in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

The preliminary determination supporting the permit is available on the internet at https://www.regulations.gov/ docket/NOAA-NMFS-2025--0007. Other supporting information is available on the internet including: recovery plans for the ESA-listed marine mammal species, https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/ national/endangered-speciesconservation/recovery-species-underendangered-species-act; 2024 MMPA List of Fisheries (LOF), https:// www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/ marine-mammal-protection/listfisheries-summary-tables; the most recent Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports (SAR) by region, https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/ national/marine-mammal-protection/ marine-mammal-stock-assessmentreports-region, and stock, https:// www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/ marine-mammal-protection/marinemammal-stock-assessment-reportsspecies-stock; and Take Reduction Teams (TRT) and Plans, https:// www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/ marine-mammal-protection/marinemammal-take-reduction-plans-andteams.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Lawson, West Coast Region, (206) 526– 4740, Dan.Lawson@noaa.gov, or Jaclyn Taylor, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, (301) 427–8402, Jaclyn.Taylor@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMPA requires NMFS to authorize the incidental take of ESA-listed marine

mammals in commercial fisheries provided it can make the following determinations: (1) the incidental mortality and serious injury (M/SI) from commercial fisheries will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks; (2) a recovery plan for all affected species or stocks of threatened or endangered marine mammals has been developed or is being developed pursuant to the ESA; and (3) where required under MMPA section 118, a take reduction plan (TRP) has been developed or is being developed, a monitoring program is established, and vessels participating in the fishery are registered. We have made a preliminary determination that the Category II CA thresher shark/swordfish drift gillnet (≥14 in mesh)/Pacific highly migratory species drift gillnet fishery meets these three requirements and propose to issue a permit to the fishery to authorize the incidental take of ESA-listed marine mammal species or stocks (Central America/Southern Mexico-CA/OR/WA and Mainland Mexico-CA/OR/WA stocks of humpback whale; CA/OR/WA stock of sperm whale) under the MMPA for a period of 3 years. We solicit public comments on the proposed issuance of the permit and the underlying preliminary determination.

### Background

The MMPA LOF classifies each commercial fishery as a Category I, II, or III fishery based on the level of mortality and injury of marine mammals occurring incidental to each fishery as defined in 50 CFR 229.2. Section 118(c)(2) of the MMPA requires fishing vessels that operate in Category I and II fisheries to register with NMFS and are subsequently authorized to incidentally take marine mammals during commercial fishing operations. However, that authorization is limited to those marine mammals that are not listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. Section 118(a)(2) of the MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1387(a)(2), also requires an additional authorization at section 101(a)(5) of the MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1371, for incidental taking of ESA-listed marine mammals. Section 101(a)(5)(E) of the MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1371, states that NMFS, as delegated by the Secretary of Commerce, for a period of up to 3 consecutive years shall allow the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammal species or stocks designated as depleted because of their listing as an endangered species or threatened species under the ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq., by persons using vessels of the United States, while engaging in commercial fishing operations, if NMFS makes certain