

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311; fax: (207) 761-8224.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2010**

The Herring Committee will continue development of catch monitoring alternatives for inclusion in Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Alternatives may include management measures to: improve quota monitoring and reporting; standardize/certify volumetric measures of catch; address vessel-to-vessel transfers of Atlantic herring; address requirements for catch monitoring and control plans (CMCPs); address maximized retention; maximize sampling and address net slippage; address at-sea monitoring; address portside sampling; require electronic monitoring, and address other elements of catch monitoring in the Atlantic herring fishery. The Committee will also discuss the potential applicability of flow scales, hopper scales and truck scales in the herring fishery and develop Committee recommendations.

**Wednesday, July 28, 2010**

The agenda will continue from the previous day with additional discussion related to developing catch monitoring alternatives for inclusion in Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP; develop management measures and alternatives to address river herring bycatch for consideration in Amendment 5 to the Herring FMP; discuss elements of Amendment 5 catch monitoring alternatives that relate to documenting and monitoring river herring bycatch; and address other elements of Amendment 5 as time permits.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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.

**Special Accommodations**

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

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

Dated: June 29, 2010.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XX24**

**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 (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of the Ecosystem Plan Development Team (EPDT) which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The EPDT will meet Wednesday, July 21, 2010 beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 5 p.m. or when business for the day is completed. The EPDT meeting will include a working lunch session.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Burner, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please note, this is not a public hearing; it is a work session for the primary purpose of reviewing comments of the Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel (EAS) and drafting a report to the Pacific Council on initial stages of developing an Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (EFMP). The EPDT has taken the lead in preparing a Pacific Council-requested report on developing an EFMP that includes a draft statement of purpose and need, a draft list of possible initial

goals and objectives, and a draft range of options on the geographic range, managed species, and regulatory scope of the EFMP. The EAS met on May 4, 2010 to review a draft of the report and to provide comments to the EPDT. The final report is scheduled to be presented to the Council at its September 2010 meeting in Boise, ID.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the EPDT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal EPDT action during this meeting. EPDT 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**

This 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: June 29, 2010.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XX22**

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Monitoring Committees will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The SSC meeting will be held Wednesday and Thursday, July 28-29, 2010 and will begin at 9 a.m. on July 28 and at 8:30 a.m. on July 29. These meetings will conclude by 5 p.m. each day. The Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Monitoring

Committees will be held on Friday July 30, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Hilton Baltimore, 401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201; telephone: (410) 573-8700.

**Council address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda items for SSC meeting include: (1) review stock assessment information and specify overfishing level and acceptable biological (ABC) for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish for 2011; (2) review and comment on proposed 2011 quota specifications and management measures for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish for 2011; (3) review Management Strategy Evaluation study; (4) discuss potential role of Industry Advisors in determining of OFL and ABC, especially in data poor situations.

The topics to be discussed at the Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Monitoring Committees include 2011 annual quota recommendations and associated management measures for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Council's 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 M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 29, 2010.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Port of Anchorage Marine Terminal Redevelopment Project**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued a Letter of Authorization (LOA) to the Port of Anchorage (POA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD), to take four species of marine mammals incidental to the POA's Marine Terminal Redevelopment Project (MTRP).

**DATES:** Effective July 15, 2010, through July 14, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The LOA and supporting documentation are available for review by writing to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225 or by telephoning one of the contacts listed below. Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address and at the Alaska Regional Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaclyn Daly or Brian D. Hopper, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the National Marine Fisheries Service (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 regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill marine mammals.

Authorization may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses. The regulations must include requirements for monitoring and reporting of such taking.

Regulations governing the taking of Cook Inlet beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*), harbor porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), by Level B harassment, incidental to in-water pile driving were issued on July 15, 2009 (74 FR 35136), and remain in effect until July 14, 2014. These regulations may be found in 50 CFR 217 subpart U. For detailed information on this action, please refer to that document. These regulations include mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements for the incidental take of marine mammals during the specified activity.

**Summary of Request**

On April 23, 2010, NMFS received a request for an LOA renewal pursuant to the aforementioned regulations that would authorize, for a period not to exceed 1 year, take of marine mammals, by Level B harassment only, incidental to the POA MTRP. In compliance with the 2009 LOA, POA and MARAD submitted an annual report on POA construction activities, covering the period of July 15 through December 31, 2009. The report also covers the period of January 1 through July 15, 2009, pursuant to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' reporting requirement under their permit issued under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The report can be found on the NMFS website at