

River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and Northern California steelhead.

Permit 1044 Modification 4 authorizes unintentional lethal take of juvenile Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon, Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, Northern California steelhead, Central California Coast steelhead, California Central Valley steelhead, South-Central California Coast steelhead, and Southern California steelhead not to exceed 2.5 percent of fish captured. Permit 1044 Modification 4 authorizes unintentional lethal take of adult Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon and Northern California steelhead not to exceed 1 percent of fish captured. Permit 1044 Modification 4 authorizes intentional lethal take of 500 juvenile Northern California steelhead, 300 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, 300 juvenile California Central Valley steelhead, and 200 juvenile South-Central California Coast steelhead.

Permit 1044 Modification 4 is for research to be conducted in streams and estuaries throughout the State of California. The purpose of the research is to support conservation and recovery planning of ESA-listed salmonids, address information needs identified by NMFS, and contribute to the general body of scientific knowledge pertaining to ESA-listed salmonids. Permit 1044 Modification 4 expires on December 31, 2012.

Dated: November 21, 2007.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC38**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1034-1854

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Markus Horning, Department of

Fisheries & Wildlife, Oregon State University, Hatfield Marine Science Center, 2030 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 1034-1854.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On September 10, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 51621) that an amendment of Permit No. 1034-1854, had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permit amendment authorizes the permit holder to (1) increase the number of blood samples taken from animals with Evans blue dye administered; (2) leave satellite data transmitters on adult females until they fall off during the annual molt, rather than removing them at the end of the field season; and (3) opportunistically attach satellite transmitters to selected adult females older than 21 years when first encountered, for subsequent recapture, sampling, and outfitting with remaining telemetry devices. The permit holder is also authorized to collect opportunistic fecal samples and import them into the U.S..

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

Dated: November 21, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XE10**

#### 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 (Council), its Mid-Atlantic section of the Monkfish Committee, its Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee, its Bycatch/Limited Access Committee, and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007 through Thursday, December 14, 2007. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Harmon Meadow, 300 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, NJ 07094; telephone: (201) 348-2000.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On Monday, December 10, the Council will convene to conduct a workshop on the impact of the Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act on its specification setting process. On Tuesday, December 11, the Council will convene jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board beginning at 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. From 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. the Mid-Atlantic section of the Monkfish Committee will meet. On Wednesday, December 12, the Council will convene at 8 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. From 1:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will meet. From 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. the Bycatch / Limited Access Committee will meet. On Thursday, December 13, the Executive Committee will meet from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. The Council will convene at 9 a.m. and remain in session until approximately 12 p.m.

Agenda items by day for the Council's committees and the Council itself are:

Monday, December 10 - The Council will convene to conduct a workshop on the impact of the Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act on its specification setting process. Tuesday, December 11 - The Council will convene jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board. They will review and discuss the Monitoring Committee's and the Advisory Panel's recommendations on summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational management measures, and develop and approve management measures for the 2008 summer flounder recreational fisheries. The Mid-Atlantic section of the Monkfish Committee will review and discuss action taken by the New England Council regarding Framework 5 and 6, and develop a Council position regarding Framework 5 and Framework 6. Wednesday, December 12 - The Council will conduct its regular business session to approve October Council minutes, approve actions from the October meeting, and receive various organizational reports. The Council will review and approve the final action on Framework 5 to the Monkfish FMP. There will be an awards presentation to recognize the 2007 Fisheries Achievement Award winner. The Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will review management alternatives to address the mackerel limited entry program. The Bycatch/Limited Access Committee will receive an update on the National Bycatch Report. Thursday, December 13 - The Executive Committee will review the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) membership process and SSC member stipends. The Council will then convene to receive a Marine Debris presentation and Committee reports, review and approve changes to the Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPP) related to the SSC role, address reappointment of existing members, fill two vacancies on the SSC, and discuss the concept of adjunct SSC members.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council 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 actions to address such emergencies.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Bryan, (302) 674-2331 ext: 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 21, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE12**

### New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Multispecies (Groundfish) Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The two-day meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 9 a.m. and Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

*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:** The Multispecies (Groundfish) Committee will meet for two days to consider additional issues for Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

#### Wednesday, December 12, 2007

The Committee will continue to develop a process for allocation of groundfish species and a process to set the Annual Catch Limits (ACL's) and

Accountability Measures (AM's) for the recreational users. It also will continue to develop days-at-sea (DAS) measures to meet the mortality requirements set under Amendment 13, establishing a process to set ACL's and AM's for the common pool commercial users, and developing DAS transfer and leasing taxes. The Committee may also consider other DAS measures necessary to complete its work for Amendment 16.

#### Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Committee will finish any uncompleted issues from day one and work on the following items:

Measures for sector management to include baseline time-frame; allocation mechanisms, replacing the 20% species cap; monitoring mechanisms for sectors.

The Committee may also consider other sector issues and any measures necessary to complete its work for Amendment 16.

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 identified 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

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

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