

Science and Engineering Indicators report.

Private industry, either individually or through trade associations, will also find these data useful, particularly statistics concerning funds transferred from state agencies to businesses. The current R&D surveys often receives prominent mention in industry publications such as *Research and Development* magazine, which releases its "State of Global R&D" report.

The availability of state R&D data on the Internet makes this survey visible to several other users, as well. Media, university researchers, nonprofit organizations, and foreign government officials are also consumers of state R&D statistics. All users are able to utilize this information in an attempt to better understand the nation's R&D resources.

**Affected Public:** State, local or Tribal Government.

**Frequency:** Biennially.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Legal Authority:** 13 U.S.C., Section 8(b); 15 U.S.C., Section 1525; NSF Act of 1950.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brian Harris-Kojetin,

OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([bharrisk@omb.eop.gov](mailto:bharrisk@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: February 12, 2010.

**Glenna Mickelson,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XU26**

#### Endangered Species; File No. 14381

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96814 has been issued a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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)713-0376; and

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)944-2200; fax (808)973-2941.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Amy Hapeman, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 22, 2009, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 23995) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of 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 researchers will collect scientific data on sea turtles incidentally captured in the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery, the Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery, and the American Samoa Longline Fishery. These data will assist NMFS efforts to understand sea turtle interactions with the fisheries and to mitigate their threat to these species. The applicant will flipper tag, measure, photograph, tissue sample, and attach satellite tags to an anticipated annual take of up to 46 loggerhead, 16 leatherback, 1 green, and 4 olive ridley sea turtles captured in the Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery; up to 6 loggerhead, 6 leatherback, 12 green, 12 olive ridley, and 6 hawksbill sea turtles captured in the American Samoa Longline Fishery; and up to 6 (18 over three years) loggerhead, 13 (39 over three years) leatherback, 7 (21 over three years) green, and 41 (123 over three years) olive ridley sea turtles captured in the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery. The research will occur in the Pacific Ocean through the permit's expiration on March 1, 2015. No mortalities are expected from the

research. Researchers would also collect sea turtle carcasses of animals killed in fishery activities that occur in the Pacific Ocean.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 12, 2010.

**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-XU44**

#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a half day meeting of its Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) in Honolulu, HI to discuss fishery issues and develop recommendations for future management.

**DATES:** The meeting of the PPT will be held on March 4, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pelagic Plan Team will be convened at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96814 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Interested parties who are unable to attend in person will be able to participate via teleconference using the Council's teleconferencing facility (1-888-482-3560, pass code 5228220). The PPT will meet on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the Council Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:

**Thursday March 4, 2010, 1 p.m.**

1. Introduction
2. Hawaii longline bigeye tuna catch limit management
3. Hawaii deep-set longline swordfish trip catch limit
4. Regulatory definition of shortline fishing gear
5. Non-commercial fishing for Pelagic Management Unit Species in Rose Atoll, Marians Trench, and Pacific Remote Island Area National Marine Monuments
6. Potential changes to American Samoa limited entry program,
7. Other fisheries related issues
8. Other business
9. Public comments
10. Pelagic Plan Team

**Recommendations**

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The PPT will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the PPT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Plan Team action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires 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**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 16, 2010.

**William D. Chappell,**

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

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

**RIN 0648-XU45**

**Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a web based meeting of the ABC Control Rule Working Group (Group).

**DATES:** The webinar meeting will convene at 10 a.m. eastern time on Friday, March 5, 2010 and is expected end at 12 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The webinar will be accessible via internet. Please go to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's website at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) for instructions.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ABC Control Rule Working Group will meet to discuss and finalize a draft of the acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule being developed. The discussion will include completion of a table of dimensions, tiers within dimensions, and points for use in developing the appropriate probability of overfishing to use for stocks that have adequate data to use the P-star approach to determining ABC. For data-poor stocks, those with inadequate data to apply the P-star approach, the Group will complete development of a decision tree of dimensions and tiers within dimensions to use in selecting an appropriate alternative approach to setting ABC that makes the best use of the available data. For each of the methods, the Group will select stocks to use as case studies in applying the method. The Group will also discuss what advice it can provide to the Council on setting a minimum stock threshold below which harvest will not be allowed.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630. Materials will also be available to download from the ABC Control Rule Working Group folder of the Council's FTP site (<http://ftp.gulfcouncil.org>, login i.d. is anonymous, leave password blank).

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the ABC Control Rule Working 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 this meeting. Actions of the Working Group will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

This webinar is accessible to people with disabilities. For assistance with any of our webinars contact Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the webinar.

Dated: February 16, 2010.

**William D. Chappell,**

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

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

**RIN 0648-XU46**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Law Enforcement Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 and conclude no later than 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, AL 36561.

**Council address:** Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will convene the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel to consider the use of catch shares as a fishery management tool and the law