

novelty of the issues presented, or the number of firms whose activities must be investigated, and additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination. Under this section of the Act, the Department may postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation.

The Department determines that the parties involved in these corrosion-resistant steel AD investigations are cooperating, and that the investigations are extraordinarily complicated. Additional time is required to analyze the questionnaire responses and issue appropriate requests for clarification and additional information.

Therefore, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1), the Department is postponing the time period for the preliminary determinations of these investigations by 41 days, to December 21, 2015. Pursuant to section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determinations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XE235**

### Endangered Species; Take of Abalone

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt for request for one scientific research permit and one scientific research and enhancement permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received permit application requests for one new scientific research permit and one new scientific research and enhancement permit. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management, conservation, and recovery efforts. The applications

may be viewed online at: [https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview\\_open\\_for\\_comment.cfm](https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm).

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on November 13, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the applications should be submitted to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Comments may also be submitted via fax to 707-578-3435 or by email to [nmfs.swr.apps@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.swr.apps@noaa.gov) (include the permit number in the subject line of the fax or email).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Abrams, Santa Rosa, CA (ph.: 707-575-6080), Fax: 707-578-3435, email: [Jeff.Abrams@noaa.gov](mailto:Jeff.Abrams@noaa.gov). Permit application instructions are available from the address above, or online at <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Endangered black abalone (*Haliotis cracherodii*).

#### Authority

Scientific research and enhancement permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-227). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

#### Applications Received

##### Permit 18761

Dr. Peter Raimondi, professor and chair of the University of California, Santa Cruz, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, has requested a five year research permit to monitor and research the status and trends of endangered black abalone at sites

throughout California for a period of five years. Monitoring would consist primarily of non-lethal, non-capture take to measure, mark, and count abalone. At a few experimental sites, habitat restoration efforts would be completed to restore crevice communities to their pre-abalone decline state, and recruitment modules would be used to better estimate recruitment levels. Comparisons would be made between abalone counts in "restored" crevices versus control crevices with and without recruitment modules to assess whether habitat restoration and recruitment module presence enhance recovery efforts. Some juvenile black abalone would be transported in recruitment modules from locations that are relatively free of withering syndrome in the north (Monterey County), to a withering syndrome-impacted mainland site further south (Santa Barbara County). Because the field biologists in this project would be likely to encounter dead or moribund black abalone, researchers would be permitted to collect dead or obviously dying individuals to be used for pathology and histology samples. These samples would be important in early identification of disease or toxin outbreaks. The information resulting from the research outlined above would be used to follow recovery in wild abalone, track disease spread and population decline, and better understand habitat preferences that may aid in facilitating recovery.

##### Permit 19571

The NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC), La Jolla, California has requested a five year research and enhancement permit for the captive maintenance, breeding, lab experiments, epipodial tissue sampling, observation, and transport of endangered black abalone. The main purpose of this research would be to develop successful techniques for consistent production of high quality juvenile black abalone to support future outplanting efforts. Research would examine: 1) Spawning conditioning related to various diet and temperature regimes, 2) cues for spawning including thermal shock and hydrogen peroxide treatments, 3) veliger settlement, 4) and growth and survival. Eight of the black abalone proposed to be used for this research were previously transferred from the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific Abalone Farm to the SWFSC Aquarium Culture Facility in La Jolla, California. These pre-listed abalone have been in captivity since before black abalone were listed as

Endangered under the ESA. Additional pre-listed black abalone for this research may be transferred from the University of California, Santa Barbara, or other facilities that currently maintain pre-listed black abalone. In addition, wild origin black abalone may be obtained for this research through confiscations due to law enforcement cases, or from projects covered under ESA Section 7 consultations.

The research proposed would support the development of management strategies necessary for the successful recovery of this species and possibly assist natural resource managers in the future selection of the location and size of marine protected areas designed to protect black abalone. Prior efforts to spawn and produce black abalone spat have been unsuccessful, so this proposed work would seek to better condition black abalone for successful spawning and to improve fertilization success, settlement, and recruitment.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 7, 2015.

**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

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 41 Assessment Webinar 1.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 41 assessments of the South Atlantic stocks of *red snapper* and *gray triggerfish* will consist of a series of workshop and webinars: Data Workshops; an Assessment Workshop

and webinars; and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** SEDAR 41 Assessment Webinar 1 will be held on Monday, November 2, 2015, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; [www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia Byrd, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone (843) 571-4366; email: [julia.byrd@safmc.net](mailto:julia.byrd@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing a workshop and/or webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists,

and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Assessment webinar are as follows:

Participants will discuss and provide modeling advice to prepare for the Assessment Workshop.

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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: October 8, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via webinar to discuss the SEDAR assessment schedule. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.