

analysis required because the combined effect of the two sets of alternatives would be limited to the cumulative effects analyses in each of the amendment documents.

The Council is requesting comments on: splitting the deep-sea coral discretionary provision alternatives out of the EFH action and into a separate amendment, the range of deep-sea coral alternatives themselves, and coordination and consultation with the other Atlantic coast Councils, particularly the Mid-Atlantic Council.

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

Dated: July 24, 2012.

**James P. Burgess,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC118**

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Cost Recovery Program

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

**ACTION:** Notification of fee percentage.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes a notification of a zero (0) percent fee for cost recovery under the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program. This action is intended to provide holders of crab allocations with the fee percentage for the 2012/2013 crab fishing year.

**DATES:** Fee liability payments made by the Crab Rationalization Program Registered Crab Receiver permit holders, if necessary, are due to NMFS on or before July 31, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Palmigiano, 907-586-7240.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

NMFS Alaska Region administers the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program (Program) in the North Pacific. Fishing under the Program began on August 15, 2005. Regulations implementing the Program are set forth at 50 CFR part 680.

The Program is a limited access system authorized by section 313(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The Program includes a cost recovery provision to collect fees to recover the actual costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the Program. NMFS developed the cost recovery provision to conform to statutory requirements and to partially reimburse the agency for the unique added costs of management, data collection, and enforcement of the Program. Section 313(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act provided supplementary authority to section 304(d)(2)(A) and additional detail for cost recovery provisions specific to the Program. The cost recovery provision allows collection of 133 percent of the actual management, data collection, and enforcement costs up to 3 percent of the ex-vessel value of crab harvested under the Program. Additionally, section 313(j) requires the harvesting and processing sectors to each pay half the cost recovery fees. Catcher/processor quota share holders are required to pay the full fee percentage for crab processed at sea.

A crab allocation holder generally incurs a cost recovery fee liability for every pound of crab landed. The crab allocations include Individual Fishing Quota, Crew Individual Fishing Quota, Individual Processing Quota, Community Development Quota, and the Adak community allocation. The Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) permit holder must collect the fee liability from the crab allocation holder who is landing crab. Additionally, the RCR permit holder must collect his or her own fee liability for all crab delivered to the RCR. The RCR permit holder is responsible for submitting this payment to NMFS on or before the due date of July 31, in the year following the crab fishing year in which landings of crab were made.

The dollar amount of the fee due is determined by multiplying the fee percentage (not to exceed 3 percent) by the ex-vessel value of crab debited from the allocation. Specific details on the Program's cost recovery provision may be found in the implementing regulations set forth at § 680.44.

#### Fee Percentage

Each year, NMFS calculates and publishes in the **Federal Register** the fee percentage according to the factors and methodology described in Federal regulations at § 680.44(c)(2). The formula for determining the fee percentage is the "direct program costs" divided by "value of the fishery," where "direct program costs" are the direct program costs for the Program for the

previous fiscal year, and "value of the fishery" is the ex-vessel value of the catch subject to the crab cost recovery fee liability for the current year. Fee collections for any given year may be less than, or greater than, the actual costs and fishery value for that year, because, by regulation, the fee percentage is established in the first quarter of a crab fishery year based on the fishery value and the costs of the prior year.

The fee percentage has declined over time because of a variety of factors, including the increasing value of the fishery due to increased total allowable catch limits for various crab species such as Bristol Bay red king crab (*Paralithodes camtschaticus*) and Bering Sea snow crab (*Chionoecetes opilio*), increased ex-vessel price per pound of crab relative to previous years, and decreased management costs relative to previous years primarily due to decreased staff and contract costs.

Using the fee percentage formula described above, the estimated percentage of costs to value for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 crab fishing years was 2.67 percent and 1.23 percent, respectively. These fee levels have resulted in a fee collection greater than the actual management, data collection, and enforcement costs for the 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 crab fishing years. Therefore, fee revenues remain to cover projected actual costs for 2012/2013. As a result, NMFS has determined that the fee percentage will be zero (0) percent for the 2012/2013 fishing year.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1862; Pub. L. 109-241; Pub. L. 109-479.

Dated: July 24, 2012.

**James P. Burgess,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC130**

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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) and its Strategic Planning Working Group, its

Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee, and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Monday, August 13, 2012 through Thursday, August 16, 2012. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown, 21 N. Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: (215) 496-3200.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Monday, August 13, 2012**

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.—The Visioning and Strategic Planning Working Group will meet.

##### **Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

9 a.m. until 11 a.m.—The Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee will meet.

11 a.m. until noon—The Executive Committee will meet.

1 p.m.—The Council will convene.

1 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.—Swearing in of new and reappointed Council members and the election of Council officers will be held.

1:15 p.m. until 3 p.m.—Special Management Zone (SMZ) consideration for Delaware reefs will be held.

3 p.m. until 5 p.m.—A Scup Allocation Report will be held.

5 p.m. until 6 p.m.—There will be a Public Listening Session.

##### **Wednesday, August 15, 2012**

9 a.m. until 3 p.m.—The Council will finalize Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass.

3 p.m. until 4 p.m.—The Council will discuss Amendment 17 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

4 p.m. until 5 p.m.—The Council will finalize bluefish management measures for 2013 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Board.

##### **Thursday, August 16, 2012**

8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.—Research Set-Aside (RSA) proposals and 2013 priorities will be discussed.

9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.—National Standard 1 guidelines will be discussed.

10 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.—Amendment 3 to Spiny Dogfish will be discussed.

10:30 a.m. until 11 a.m.—There will be a NEFSC Strategic planning Presentation by Dr. Russell Brown.

11 a.m. until 1 p.m.—The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the April and June 2012 minutes, the New England and South Atlantic Council reports, receive Organizational Reports, Executive Director's Report, Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

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

On Monday, August 13, 2012—The Visioning and Strategic Planning Working Group (facilitated by Adam R. Saslow, Senior Facilitator at RESOLVE) will discuss the desired outcomes and timelines from the Strategic Planning Working Group, review themes and recommendations from stakeholder input ("Visioning") report, identify core values and develop a draft Vision Statement, discuss alignment of the Council's core values and Vision with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), and analyze and document internal strengths and weaknesses as well as external opportunities and obstacles to the Council's efforts.

On Tuesday, August 14—The Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee will discuss initiation of a Deep Sea Corals Amendment and a Memorandum of Understanding with the New England and South Atlantic Councils. The Executive Committee will provide a status update on Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM). The Council will swear in new and reappointed Council members and elect Council Officers. The Council will review a report of the SMZ Monitoring Team and develop recommendations. There will be a presentation on the project to evaluate scup allocation. During the Public Listening Session there will be a presentation on the MAFMC Strategic Planning—Objective, Process, and Possible Outcomes and an introduction to the new Regional Administrator, John Bullard, of the Northeast Regional Office of NMFS.

On Wednesday, August 15—The Council in conjunction with the ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will review the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the associated Monitoring Committee's specification

recommendations for 2013–15 and adopt 2013–15 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The Council will review and approve Amendment 17 Public Hearing Document to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP. The Council in conjunction with the ASMFC's Bluefish Board will review the SSC and the Bluefish Monitoring Committees' specification recommendations regarding the 2013–15 harvest levels and associated management measures and adopt recommendations for harvest levels and associated management measures for 2013–15.

On Thursday, August 16—The Council will review and adopt proposed changes to the RSA Program and finalize the RSA and Information Research and Information Priorities List for 2013 request for proposals. The Council will review/revise the NMFS proposal regarding National Standard 1 Guidelines. The Council will review and approve the public hearing document of Amendment 3 to Spiny Dogfish. The Council will receive a NEFSC Strategic Planning presentation by Dr. Russell Brown. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the April and June 2012 minutes, receive Liaison Reports, receive Organizational Reports to include discussion regarding the development of sub-Annual Catch Limits (ACL) for windowpane flounder, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

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 these meetings. 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**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders (302) 526-5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 24, 2012.

**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

**RIN 0648-XA626**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 16111

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to John Calambokidis, Cascadia Research Collective, Waterstreet Building, 218½ West Fourth Avenue, Olympia, WA 89501 to conduct research on marine mammals.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Hubard or Laura Morse, (301)427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 2, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 19645) that a request for a permit to conduct research on cetaceans and pinnipeds had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 16111 authorizes Mr. Calambokidis to study cetaceans and pinnipeds in the eastern North Pacific, from Central America to Alaska. The research is a continuation of long-term studies designed to examine marine mammal abundance, distribution, population structure, habitat use, social structure, movement patterns, diving behavior, and diet. Focal species are blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin

(*B. physalus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), eastern gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*), sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), and beaked (*Mesoplodon* spp.) whales. An additional 15 cetacean species and five pinniped species may be studied, including the endangered sei whale (*B. borealis*), endangered Southern Resident stock of killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), and the threatened eastern stock of Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*). Vessel research includes photo-identification, behavioral focal follows, underwater observations and filming, hydroacoustic prey determination, passive acoustic recording, breath sampling, biopsy sampling, collection of sloughed skin, and attachment of suction cup and dart tags. Aerial surveys may be conducted to study abundance and distribution, and to track tagged animals. Ground surveys may be conducted for population counts and scat collection to study harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and other pinnipeds at haul-out areas in Puget Sound and throughout Washington. Permit No. 16111 expires on July 15, 2017.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact, signed on July 12, 2012.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit 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 species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Conservation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,  
1315 East-West Highway, Room  
13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910;  
phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;  
Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand  
Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1,  
Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)  
526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426;  
Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668,  
Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)  
586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249; and  
Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West  
Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach,

CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

Dated: July 23, 2012.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds products and services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 8/27/2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Additions

On 5/11/2012 (77 FR 27737-27738) and 6/1/2012 (77 FR 32591-32592), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small