

Council address: Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Burner, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2414.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the methodology review meeting is to discuss and review proposed changes to analytical methods used in salmon management. Methodology review topics were adopted by the Council at their September 9-16, 2015 meeting in Sacramento, CA and are posted on the Pacific Council's Web page (www.pcouncil.org). Recommendations from this methodology review meeting will be presented at the November 13-19, 2015 Council meeting in Garden Grove, CA where the Council is scheduled to take final action on the proposals.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2425 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 30, 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; South Atlantic 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 Council will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in N. Charleston, SC. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SSC will meet 1 p.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2015; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2015; and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (800) 503-5762 or (843) 744-4422; fax: (843) 744-4472.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items will be discussed and considered by the SSC during this meeting:

1. Review South Atlantic landings and Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
2. Consider units for fishing level recommendations
3. Review final Southeast headboat survey data evaluation
4. Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) projects update, including report on the Data Best Practices Workshop and September 2015 Steering Committee meeting
5. Council Citizen Science update
6. Review Snapper-Grouper Amendments 36, 37, and Regulatory Amendment 16
7. Review the Council's System Management Plan
8. Report on recreational catch estimation for rare species
9. SSC Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule revision progress report
10. Review the Council's Research Priorities Plan
11. Review NOAA Fisheries' Stock Prioritization Tool
12. Consider the Blueline Tilefish stock assessment and fishing levels
13. Review Hogfish projections and fishing level recommendations
14. Receive progress reports on ongoing fishery management plans and amendments

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.

Written comment on SSC agenda topics is to be distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 2015. Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings and noted on the agenda. The first will be at the beginning of the meeting, and the second near the conclusion, when the SSC reviews its recommendations.

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: September 30, 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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Issuance of Permit Amendment: Marine Mammals; File No. 14603

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 Charles Mayo, Ph.D., Senior Scientist and Director, Right Whale Program—Center for Coastal Studies, 115 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657 has been

issued a minor amendment to Scientific Permit No. 14603.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brendan Hurley or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 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 original permit (No. 14603), issued on September 9, 2010 (75 FR 61135) authorizes Dr. Mayo to study North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) off Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey. The permitted activities include photo-identification, aerial and shipboard surveys, suction-cup tagging, photo-identification, sonar for prey mapping, passive acoustic recording, and behavioral observation (by vessel and aerial). Whales of all ages may be harassed during surveys. The permit also authorizes incidental harassment of unidentified baleen whales during research activities, and is authorized through September 30, 2015. The minor amendment (No. 14603-01) extends the duration of the permit through September 30, 2016 but does not change any other terms or conditions of the permit.

Dated: September 29, 2015.

Julia Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Intent To Conduct Scoping and To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Wisconsin—Lake Michigan National Marine Sanctuary

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct scoping, hold public scoping meetings and to prepare a draft environmental impact statement and management plan.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 304(a) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, as amended, (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), and based on the resources and boundaries described in the community-based nomination submitted to NOAA on December 2, 2014 (www.nominate.noaa.gov/nominations), NOAA is initiating a process to consider designating an area of Wisconsin's Lake Michigan as a national marine sanctuary. The designation process, as required by the NMSA, will be conducted concurrently with a public process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). This notice also informs the public that NOAA will coordinate its responsibilities under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470) with its ongoing NEPA process, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(a), including the use of NEPA documents and public and stakeholder meetings to also meet the requirements of section 106. The public scoping process is intended to solicit information and comments on the range of issues and the significant issues to be analyzed in depth in an environmental impact statement related to designating this area as a national marine sanctuary. The results of this scoping process will assist NOAA in moving forward with the designation process and in formulating alternatives for the draft environmental impact statement and proposed regulations, including developing national marine sanctuary boundaries. It will also inform the initiation of any consultations with federal, state, or local agencies and other interested parties, as appropriate.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 15, 2016. Public scoping meetings will be held as detailed below:

(1) Manitowoc, WI

Date: November 17, 2015.

Location: Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

Address: 75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc, WI.

Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

(2) Port Washington, WI

Date: November 18, 2015.

Location: Wilson House.

Address: 200 N. Franklin St., Port Washington, WI.

Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

(3) Sheboygan, WI

Date: November 19, 2015.

Location: University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan, Main Building, Wombat Room (Room 2114).

Address: 1 University Drive, Sheboygan, WI.

Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NOS-2015-0112, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Ellen Brody, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, 4840 S. State Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-9719.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NOAA. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily submitted by the commenter will be publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brody, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, 734-741-2270, ellen.brody@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The NMSA authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to designate and protect as national marine sanctuaries areas of the marine environment that are of special national significance due to their conservation, recreational,