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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Marine Planning and Climate Change Committee (MPCCC), Social Science Plan Committee (SSPC) and Protected Species Advisory Committee (PSAC) to review relevant sections of the draft 2015 annual reports for the Pacific Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan (Pelagic FEP), American Samoa Archipelago FEP, Hawaii FEP, Mariana Archipelago FEP and Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) FEP and related purposes. The committees will also receive updates on matters related to fishery management and may make recommendations on these topics.

DATES: The MPCCC meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on March 30–31, 2016. The SSPC will be held between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on April 1, 2016. The PSAC meeting will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on April 7 and 8, 2016. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The MPCCC, SSPC and PSAC meetings will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; phone: (808) 522-8220.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Agenda for the MPCCC Meeting

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, 2016

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Overview of Fishery Ecosystem Plans
 - A. Pelagic FEP Fisheries
 - B. Hawaii'i Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas FEP Fisheries
 - C. Mariana Archipelago FEP Fisheries
 - D. American Samoa FEP Fisheries
 - E. Ecosystem Components
 - i. Protected Species
 - ii. Fishing Communities
 - iii. Oceanography and Climate Change
 - iv. Essential Fish Habitat
 - v. Marine Planning
4. Overview of 2015 Annual Report Components
 - A. Marine Planning Indicators
 - i. Pelagic
 - ii. Archipelagic
 - B. Climate Change Indicators
 - i. Pelagic
 - ii. Archipelagic
 5. Public Comment
 6. Discussion
 7. Recommendations

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday, March 31, 2016

8. Pacific Islands Regional Planning Body Update
9. Marine Planning and Climate Change Community Workshops
 - A. Overview
 - B. Breakout Planning Sessions
 - i. American Samoa
 - ii. Hawaii
 - iii. Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
- A. Planning Session Reports
 - i. American Samoa
 - ii. Hawaii
 - iii. Guam and CNMI
10. Public Comment
11. Discussion
12. Recommendations
13. Old Business
 - A. MPCC Action Plan Update
 - B. Other
14. New Business
 - A. Pacific Islands Regional Action Plan for the NOAA Climate Science Strategy
 - B. NOAA Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee's Proposed Work Plan Resilience Working Group
 - C. 2016 Officer Nominations
 - D. Other
15. Public Comment
16. Discussion
17. Recommendations

Agenda for the SSPC Meeting

1 p.m.–5 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2016

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda
3. Status of the Previous Committee Meeting Recommendations
4. Council Human Dimensions Activities Update
 - A. 2015 Accomplishments
 1. Human Dimensions Elements in Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Reports
 2. Guam Fishing Conflict Study
 3. Annual Catch Limit Social, Economic, Ecological, Management Uncertainty Process
 - B. 2016 Activities
 1. Fishing Community Profiles
 2. SAFE Report Data Gaps
 3. Linking up Human Communities Research Priorities, SAFE Reports, Fishing Community Profiles
 - C. Current and Upcoming Research
 5. Fishery Ecosystem Plans Annual/SAFE Report Review
 - A. Overview
 - B. Pelagic SAFE Report
 - C. Archipelagic SAFE Report
 - D. Chapter 3—Data Integration
 6. Public Comment
 7. Committee Discussion and Recommendations
 8. Other Business and Next Meeting

Agenda for the PSAC Meeting

9 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Status of the Second Protected Species Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations
4. Fisheries and Protected Species Management Updates
 - A. Recent Council Actions
 - i. Pelagic fisheries actions
 - ii. Insular fisheries actions
 - iii. Discussion
 - B. Council Protected Species Activities Update
 - C. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Updates
 - i. Section 7 ESA consultations for pelagic and insular fisheries
 - ii. ESA listing and other related actions
 - iii. Discussion
 5. FEP Annual Report Review Part I
 - A. Overview of the Report Structure and Process
 - B. Overview of the Ecosystem Module
 - i. Climate, ecosystems and biological section
 - ii. Habitat section
 - iii. Human dimensions section
 - iv. Marine planning section
 - C. Longline Fishery Sections
 - i. Summary of relevant fishery data
 - ii. Protected species section
 - iii. Data analysis and related meetings
 - a. Leatherback interactions in the Hawaii deep-set longline fishery
 - b. Seabird interactions in the Hawaii deep-set longline fishery

c. Rare events bycatch workshop plan
iv. Discussion and synthesis
6. Public Comment

9 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2016

7. FEP Annual Report Review Part II

A. Pelagic Non-longline Fishery Sections

i. Summary of relevant fishery data

ii. Protected species section

iii. Discussion and synthesis

B. Insular Fishery Sections

i. Summary of relevant fishery data

ii. Protected species section

iii. Discussion and synthesis

C. Discussion on Monitoring Protected Species Interactions under the FEP Annual Reports

D. Discussion on Data Gaps and Research Needs

8. Council's Research Priorities

A. Five-year Research Priorities

B. Cooperative Research Priorities

C. Discussion

8. Public Comment

9. Committee Discussion and Recommendations

10. Other Business & Next Meeting

10. Other Business & Next Meeting

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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.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Basic Requirements for Special Exemption Permits and Authorizations To Take, Import, and Export Marine Mammals, Threatened and Endangered Species, and for Maintaining a Captive Marine Mammal Inventory Under the Marine Mammal Protection, the Fur Seal, and the Endangered Species Acts

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing

effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 13, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Amy Sloan, NOAA Fisheries Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 ((301) 427-84010), Amy.Sloan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*; MMPA), Fur Seal Act (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*; FSA), and Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; ESA) prohibit certain activities affecting marine mammals and endangered and threatened species, with exceptions. Pursuant to section 104 of the MMPA and Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA, special exception permits may be obtained for scientific research and enhancing the survival or recovery of a species or stock of marine mammals or threatened or endangered species. Section 104 of the MMPA also includes permits for commercial and educational photography of marine mammals; import and capture of marine mammals for public display; and, Letters of Confirmation under the General Authorization for scientific research that involves minimal disturbance to marine mammals. The regulations implementing permits and reporting requirements under the MMPA and FSA are at 50 CFR part 216; the regulations for permit requirements under the ESA are at 50 CFR part 222. The required information in this collection is used to make the determinations required by the MMPA, ESA and their implementing regulations prior to issuing a permit; to establish appropriate permit conditions; and to evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on protected species. Inventory reporting pertaining to marine

mammals in public display facilities is required by the MMPA.

This information collection applies to certain protected species for which NMFS is responsible, including cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises), pinnipeds (seals and sea lions), sawfish (largetooth and smalltooth), sea turtles (in water), and sturgeon (Atlantic and shortnose). The information collection may be used for future listed species.

The currently approved application and reporting requirements will be revised to (1) create separate sections for marine mammals versus non-mammal species where doing so will result in less burden to the applicant (*e.g.*, for scientific methods); (2) clarify to applicants why the information is required and what level of detail is needed for our analyses; (3) create 'enhanced help' features (*e.g.*, pop-up windows) in the online application system, Authorizations and Permits for Protected Species (APPS; <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/>) to make the instructions more accessible; (4) create a streamlined application and online module in APPS for scientific research permits involving only import, export, or receipt of biological samples (*i.e.*, where no animals in the wild are affected); (5) make photography permit applications accessible via APPS.

II. Method of Collection

Permit applications, permit reports, and inventory reports are available in paper or electronic versions (online or via email). Respondents may submit all applications and forms by email, facsimile, or mail. Respondents may also submit scientific research and enhancement permit applications and Letters of Intent under the General Authorization online via APPS.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0084.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular (revision and extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Individuals; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 536.

Estimated Time per Response: Scientific research permit applications, 50 hours; public display permit applications, 30 hours; photography permit applications, 10 hours; General Authorization applications, 10 hours; major permit modification requests, 35 hours; minor permit modification requests, 3 hours; scientific research