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TABLE 1—STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY SPECIES FOR THE 2016 FISHING YEAR

Species	Gear type	Reporting period	Standard ex-vessel price per pound (\$)
Arrowtooth flounder	All	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	\$0.21
Atka mackerel	All	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.26
Flathead sole	All	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.20
Greenland turbot	All	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.46
CDQ halibut	Fixed gear	October 1, 2015–September 30, 2016	6.02
Pacific cod	Fixed gear	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.29
	Trawl gear	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.26
Pacific ocean perch	All	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.19
Pollock	All	January 1, 2015–December 31, 2015	0.15
Rock sole	All	February 4, 2016–March 31, 2016	0.18
	All	April 1, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.14
Sablefish	Fixed gear	October 1, 2015–September 30, 2016	5.11
	Trawl gear	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	1.08
Yellowfin sole	All	February 4, 2016–October 31, 2016	0.14

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 158th meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 13–14, 2016. The Council will convene on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Frenchman’s Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas, USVI

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 158th regular

Council Meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

December 13, 2016, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 157th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- Executive Director’s Report
- Scientific and Statistical Committee Report—Dr. Richard Appeldoorn
- SEDAR 2017 Update on Life History Workshop and Spiny Lobster
- Accountability Measure Timing-Update on Status Following Secretarial Submission
- Island-based Fishery Management Plans
 - Review of Proposed Actions and Alternatives
 - Timeline Status, SSC and DAP Meeting Schedule, Next Council Steps
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Puerto Rico
 - St. Thomas/St. John
 - St. Croix
- Outcomes from public hearings on the development of a permit program for harvest of Snapper Unit 2 from the Puerto Rico EEZ
- Developing an alternative annual catch limit (ACL) benchmark for application of accountability measures (AMs)
- Initiating development of a Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the U.S. Caribbean
- Identification of ACL overages and the need to apply AMs in the 2017 fishing year
- Ocean Economics of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands—Jeffery Adkins

- Other Business
 - Exempted Fishing Permit for Puerto Rico—Department of Natural and Environmental Resources
- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (5-minutes presentations)**
- Administrative Matters
 - CY-2017
 - Closed Session

December 14, 2016, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Puerto Rico Fishers Spiny Lobster Data Collection Initiative
- Marine Recreational Information Program-Status of Regional Implementation Plan
- Atlantic HMS Fisheries—Delisse Ortiz/Jen Gudney
- SEAMAP Update
- Outreach and Education Report—Dr. Alida Ortíz
- Update on Ongoing Reef Fish and Spiny Lobster Endangered Species 7 Consultation—Jennifer Lee—SERO/PRD
- Enforcement Issues:
 - Puerto Rico-DNER
 - U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - NMFS/NOAA
- Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff
- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (5-minute presentations)**
- Other Business
- Next Meeting(s)

The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be subjects for formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918, telephone (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 22, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Waterfront Improvement Projects

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass, by Level A and Level B harassment, marine mammals during construction activities associated

with a waterfront improvement project at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (Shipyard) in Kittery, Maine.

DATES: This authorization is effective from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability

An electronic copy of the Navy's application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained by visiting the Internet at:

www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/construction.htm. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified area, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals, providing that certain findings are made and the necessary prescriptions are established.

The incidental taking of small numbers of marine mammals may be allowed only if NMFS (through authority delegated by the Secretary) finds that the total taking by the specified activity during the specified time period will (i) have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and (ii) not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such taking must be set forth.

Under section 101(a)(5)(D), NMFS after providing notice and opportunity for public comment may authorize such incidental taking by harassment only, for periods of not more than one year, pursuant to the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements contained within an IHA. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as ". . . an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival." Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, section 3(18) of the

MMPA defines "harassment" as: ". . . any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment)."

Summary of Request

On February 17, 2016, NMFS received an application from the Navy for the taking of marine mammals incidental to a waterfront improvement project. NMFS determined that the application was adequate and complete on April 1, 2016. The Navy is proposing to restore and modernize waterfront infrastructure associated with Dry Docks 1 and 3 at the Shipyard in Kittery, York County, Maine. The proposed action will include two waterfront improvement projects, structural repairs to Berths 11, 12, and 13, and replacement of the Dry Dock 3 caisson. The waterfront improvement projects will be constructed between October 2016 and October 2022, with in-water work expected to begin no earlier than January 2017. The requested IHA will be effective from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. According to the project schedule work during the IHA period will only cover work occurring at Berth 11.

Use of vibratory and impact pile driving for pile installation and removal as well as drilling is expected to produce underwater sound at levels that have the potential to result in limited injury and behavioral harassment of marine mammals. The term "pile driving" throughout this document includes vibratory driving, impact pile driving, vibratory pile extraction as well as pile drilling unless specified otherwise. Take, by Level B Harassment, may impact individuals of five species of marine mammals including harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*), harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), hooded seal (*Cystophora cristata*) and harp seal (*Pagophilus groenlandicus*). As the next paragraph explains, we have determined, based on the best available information, that there may also be small numbers of take by Level A harassment of harbor porpoise, harbor seal, and gray seal.

In August 2016, NMFS released its Technical Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammal Hearing (Guidance). This new Guidance established new