DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Review of National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments Designated or Expanded Since April 28, 2007; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On June 26, 2017, NOAA published a notice in the Federal Register (82 FR 28827) to request comments to inform the review the Department of Commerce is conducting pursuant to Executive Order 13795—Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, signed on April 28, 2017. The Department of Commerce is conducting a review of all designations and expansions of National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments since April 28, 2007. The June 26, 2017, notice provides more information on the scope of the review, including a list of the eleven National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments subject to the review. The Secretary of Commerce will use the review to inform the preparation of a report under Executive Order 13795, Sec. 4(b)(iii). This notice reopening the public comment period by an additional 15 days.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted no later than August 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket ID NOAA–NOS–2017–0066 by either of the following methods:

- Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov and click the “Comment Now!” icon, then complete the required fields and enter your comments.


Instructions: Comments sent by any 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.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (for electronic comments submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).


Authority: Executive Order 13795.


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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold a meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The HMSMT meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 to Thursday, August 10, 2017. This meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. and continue until business is concluded on each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Pacific Room at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037–1508; phone: (858) 546–7000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Council; phone: (503) 820–2422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the HMSMT meeting is to respond to Council guidance from its June 2017 meeting on further development of a range of alternatives for authorizing a fishery using deep-set buoy gear. The HMSMT will provide an updated range of alternatives at the Council’s September 2017 meeting. The Council is scheduled to adopt the range of alternatives for public review. The HMSMT may also discuss other HMS topics on the Council’s September agenda. These topics include final action on Amendment 4 to the HMS Fishery Management Plan, international management issues, review of exempted fishing permit proposals to use deep-set buoy gear, and swordfish management project planning. Although not on the September Council meeting agenda, the HMSMT may also discuss updates to the HMS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document and HMS-related matters scheduled on future Council agendas.

Although nonemergency 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) 820–2411 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 26, 2017.

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