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Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Hubard or Shasta McClenahan, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Dr. Sharpe (File No. 19703) proposes to study humpback and killer (*Orcinus orca*) whales in Alaska using both vessel and aerial surveys and a variety of methods including photo-identification, passive and active acoustics, underwater video/photography, unmanned aircraft systems, prey mapping, and suction-cup tagging. The purpose of the research is to continue a long-term study of the behavior of Alaskan humpback whales, focusing on social structure, vocalizations, and feeding. Forty harbor porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*), 50 Dall's porpoises (*Phocoenoides dalli*), 130 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and 80 Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) may be incidentally harassed during research activities. The permit would be valid for five years.

Mr. Cilfone (File No. 20993) proposes to film humpback whales in Hawaiian waters of the Maui Nui Basin. Footage would be used to create a film about humpback whales and their conservation success that would be available on multiple platforms. Boats, unmanned aircraft systems, pole cameras, and snorkelers would all be used to get footage. Fifty humpback whales would be approached annually. In addition, pantropical spotted (*Stenella attenuata*), spinner (*S. longirostris*), and bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*) dolphins may be incidentally harassed during filming operations. Filming would occur in winter and spring and the permit would be valid until May 2017.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 10, 2017.

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

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tilefish Advisory Panel of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m. and conclude by 12 noon. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/tile-ap-2017/>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site at www.mafmc.org.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to create a fishery performance report by the Council's Tilefish Advisory Panel. The intent of this report is to facilitate a venue for structured input from the Advisory Panel members for the Golden

and BlueLine Tilefish specifications process, including recommendations by the Council and its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: January 11, 2017.

Jeffrey N. Lonergan,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Multistakeholder Process on Internet of Things Security Upgradability and Patching

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene a virtual meeting of a multistakeholder process concerning Internet of Things Security Upgradability and Patching on January 31, 2017.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 31, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: This is a virtual meeting. NTIA will post links to online content and dial-in information on the multistakeholder process Web site at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/other-publication/2016/multistakeholder-process-iot-security>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allan Friedman, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4281; email: afriedman@ntia.doc.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs: (202) 482-7002; email: press@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: **Background:** In March of 2015 the National Telecommunications and Information Administration issued a Request for Comment to "identify substantive cybersecurity issues that