and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Notices were published in the Federal Register on the dates listed below that a permit had been issued to the below-named permit holders. To locate the Federal Register notice that announced our receipt of the application, notice of issuance, and a complete description of the research, go to www.regulations.gov and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

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<td>NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (Responsible Party: Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D.), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149.</td>
<td>79 FR 13042; March 7, 2014</td>
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<td>0648–XB157</td>
<td>Bruce R. Mate, Ph.D., Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365.</td>
<td>78 FR 3346; January 21, 2014</td>
<td>February 25, 2014.</td>
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<td>Dan Engelhaupt, Ph.D., HDR, 5700 Lake Wright Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502.</td>
<td>78 FR 60852; October 2, 2013</td>
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<td>Iain Kerr, D.H.L., Ocean Alliance, 32 Horton Street, Gloucester, MA 01930.</td>
<td>81 FR 13342; March 14, 2016</td>
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The permit holders are requesting amendments to their respective permits to authorize take of the Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whale (Balaenoptera edeni) due to NMFS’ proposed rule to list this subspecies as endangered under the ESA (81 FR 88639). Combined, the permits currently authorize the following research activities for the species: manned and unmanned aerial surveys and vessel-based surveys for passive acoustic recordings, above and underwater photography and videography, photo-identification, behavioral observations, biological sampling (fecs, sloughed skin, exhaled air, and skin and blubber biopsy), tracking, and tagging (suction-cup, dart/barb, and implantable). The permit holders seek to amend their permits to add dedicated takes for the Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whale using these methods should NMFS list the species under the ESA. Details of specific methods and take numbers are available in each application for amendment. The amended permits would be valid through the respective permit’s current expiration date.

If the proposed ESA listing becomes final, the Permits and Conservation Division proposes to conditionally authorize the take of Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whales so that no more than the entire population (currently estimated at 33 whales) may be taken annually by methods that may result in Level A harassment (mainly biopsy and tagging) across all permits combined. Authorized takes may be re-authorised and reallocated among permits on an annual or other specified basis after evaluating the status of the species, management needs, researchers’ plans, and reported takes by permit holders during the prior year.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), an initial determination has been made that an environmental assessment (EA) is the appropriate level of analysis for these actions. A batched EA is being prepared to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit amendments.

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

DATED: November 17, 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

RIN 0648–XF844
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 will hold its 161st meeting in December to discuss the items contained in the agenda in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 12–13, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Marriott Resort San Juan Stellaris Casino Hotel, 1309 Ashford Avenue, Condado, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 766–5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

December 12, 2017, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 160th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- Executive Director’s Report
- Status of the Caribbean Fisheries after the storms Irma and María
- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Island
- Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting Report—Richard Appeldoorn
- Draft Actions and Alternatives for Each Island Group
- Action 1: Species to Manage
- Action 2: Species Groupings
- Action 3: Reference Points
- Action 4: Essential Fish Habitat for Stocks Not Previously Managed in Federal Waters
- Action 5: Framework Measures
- Next Steps/Timeline Review
- Ecosystem-based Fishery Management
- Roadmap Implementation Plan
- Status Report
- Update on Fishery Ecosystem Plan Development
- Other Business
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Greater Atlantic Region Vessel Identification Requirements.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0350.

Need and Use: Regulations at 50 CFR 648.8 and 697.8 require that owners of vessels over 25 ft (7.6 m) in registered length that have Federal permits to fish in the Greater Atlantic Region display the vessel’s name and official number. The name and number must be of a specific size at specified locations: The vessel name must be affixed to the port and starboard sides of the bow and, if possible, on its stern. The official number must be displayed on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck so as to be clearly visible from enforcement vessels and aircraft. The display of the identifying characters aids in fishery law enforcement.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Frequency: Annually.
Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@OMB.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.


Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

SAW–SARC 64 Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) will convene the 64th SAW Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the stock assessment of Atlantic mackerel. The Northeast Regional SAW is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by SAW working groups and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the Stock Assessment Review Committee, or SARC. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting will be held from November 28, 2017–November 30, 2017. The meeting will commence on November 28, 2017 at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the S.H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheena Steiner, 508–495–2177; email: sheena.steiner@noaa.gov; or, James...