

the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

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.

The MMPA states that the term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, 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 May 14, 2021, NMFS received an application from the Navy requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to construction related to replacement and maintenance activities at the Ammunition Wharf marine structure at NAVMAG Indian Island. NMFS sent initial questions regarding the application to the Navy on October 5, 2021. The Navy addressed the questions and submitted a revised Letter of Authorization (LOA) application on March 24, 2022. After additional questions were sent by NMFS the Navy submitted another revised application on June 12, 2022. The requested regulations would be valid for 5 years, from October 1, 2023 through

September 30, 2028. The Navy plans to conduct necessary work, including impact and vibratory pile driving, to replace and maintain the wharf structure. The proposed action may incidentally expose marine mammals occurring in the vicinity of in-water construction activities to elevated levels of underwater sound, thereby resulting in incidental take, by Level A and Level B harassment. Therefore, the Navy requests authorization to incidentally take marine mammals.

Specified Activities

Maintaining the structural integrity of the Ammunition Wharf is vital to sustaining the Navy’s mission and ensuring military readiness. The Navy proposes to replace up to 118 structural concrete piles or fender piles, conduct maintenance, and repair activities over a 7-year period on the Ammunition Wharf at NAVMAG Indian Island. Under the 5-year LOA, up to 110 structurally unsound structural piles or fender piles would be replaced. Structural concrete piles would be replaced with 24-in concrete piles or old fender piles would be replaced with 14-in steel H piles or 18.75-in composite piles. Up to eight steel piles may also be installed in addition to the structural concrete piles if necessary. To minimize underwater noise impacts on marine species, water jetting would be primary method to install concrete piles and vibratory pile driving would be the primary method to install steel piles. An impact hammer may be used if substrate conditions prevent the advancement of piles to the required depth or to verify the load-bearing capacity for both concrete and steel piles. An air bubble curtain or other noise attenuating device would be used to reduce noise levels during impact driving of 36-in steel piles but would not be used for concrete piles. All pile driving will be conducted during the prescribed in-water work window for the NAVMAG Indian Island facility (October 1 to January 15). Activity occurring during the 2 years following the 5 year LOA would consist only of removal and installation of concrete piles, and maintenance and repair work, with no steel pile installation. Additional incidental take authorizations will be requested as needed for these activities.

Information Sought

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the Navy’s request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations

governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the Navy, if appropriate.

Dated: August 1, 2022.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,
Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XC216]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene two half-day webinar meetings of its Groundfish Management Team (GMT) to initiate discussions and analyses on groundfish items on the Pacific Council’s September 2022 meeting agenda. These meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The online meetings will be held on Thursday, August 25 and Tuesday, August 30, 2022, starting each day at 8:30 a.m. Pacific Time and ending at 12 p.m. Pacific Time, or when business has been completed for each day.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council’s website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820–2412 for technical assistance.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd Phillips, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the GMT webinar is to prepare for the Pacific Council’s September 2022 agenda items. The GMT will discuss items related to groundfish management, ecosystem management, and administrative matters on the Pacific Council’s September agenda. The GMT may also address other

assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT. A detailed agenda for the webinar will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 1, 2022.

Key Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will hold an online meeting.

DATES: The online meeting will be held Friday, August 26, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday, August 29, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday, August 30, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All times are Pacific Daylight Time. If necessary, meetings may continue past the noticed end time on each day in order to complete the business of the EWG.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kit Dahl, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to (1) provide information to Council advisory bodies and the public on ecosystem-related items on the Pacific Council's September 2022 meeting agenda, and (2) discuss and draft EWG reports for the Pacific Council's September 2022 meeting. The informational briefings will be held beginning at 10 a.m. Pacific Time on Friday, August 26, 2022. The topics to be covered are the Draft Western Regional Action Plan to Implement the NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy in 2022-24, which the Pacific Council has been invited to submit comments on, and the draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan Initiatives Appendix to be adopted by the Council at its September meeting. Once these briefings are complete, and for the remainder of the meeting, the EWG will discuss the contents of reports it may draft for the September Pacific Council meeting and other business related to the work of the EWG. In addition to the two ecosystem agenda items described above, the EWG may consider and draft reports on other items of interest on the Pacific Council's September meeting agenda.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice; determination on a tribal resource management plan.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has made a final determination on the Hoopa Valley Tribe's Tribal Resource Management Plan (TRMP). The determination is pursuant to the limitation on take prohibitions for actions conducted under Tribal Resource Management Plans promulgated under the 4(d) Rule of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (Tribal 4(d) Rule). The TRMP specifies harvest, research, and monitoring activities for tribal fisheries affecting ESA-listed Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho Salmon in the portion of the Trinity River within the Hoopa Valley Reservation. As required by the Tribal 4(d) Rule, NMFS sought public comment on its pending determination prior to making a final determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Siniscal at 971-322-8407, or via email: Anthony.siniscal@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ESA Listed Species Covered in This Notice

Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)

Evolutionarily Significant Unit: threatened, naturally produced, and artificially propagated.

Background

The Hoopa Valley Tribe submitted a TRMP for review under the ESA Tribal 4(d) Rule. Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) is required to adopt such regulations as deemed necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and