

## Agenda

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to consider the information provided by the Council's Monkfish and Skate Plan Development Teams (PDT) including data updates from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and recommend the overfishing limits (OFL) and acceptable biological catches (ABC) for: Northern and Southern monkfish for fishing years (FY) 2026–2030 and Northeast skate complex for FY 2026–2030. They will also consider outcomes of the 2025 Atlantic Sea scallop research track assessment and Scallop PDT's recommended approach for developing specifications considering biological reference points; make recommendations for developing specifications to present to the SSC in October. The SSC will also review outcomes of the June 2025 inaugural meeting of the SSC Social Sciences Subcommittee and provide input on the Subcommittee's workplan. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

## Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at 978–465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 6, 2025.

### 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

[RTID 0648–XE876]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 28742

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 (responsible party: Roxanne Beltran, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before September 8, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 28742 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 28742 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Young or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests authorization to continue a long-term research program started in 1968 to study northern elephant seal population growth and status, reproductive strategies, behavioral and physiological adaptations for diving and fasting, general physiology and metabolism, and sensory physiology. Northern elephant seals may be captured and handled for research, as well as harassed during

research. Research methods include behavioral observations, marking, flipper tagging, capture and sampling, active and passive acoustics, attachment of instruments, translocation studies, short-term captive holding for laboratory studies, use of hormone challenges and standard clinical tracer techniques for physiology studies. Research would include all age and sex classes of northern elephant seals over the entire calendar year. Proposed research locations include haul-out sites from California to Washington, but primarily Año Nuevo. Unintentional harassment of northern elephant seals, California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) of the Eastern Distinct Population Segment is requested. Up to 3 unintentional mortalities during research and up to 2 directed mortalities for euthanasia of moribund or orphaned pups, are requested annually; a maximum of 10 mortalities (unintentional and intentional combined) would be authorized over the duration of the permit. The duration of the requested permit is 10 years.

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 activity proposed is 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 application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 6, 2025.

#### Shannon Bettridge,

*Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0004]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Best Interest Determination—Prison Education Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.