

either removal or resetting, and be reinitiated only after it was reasonable to assume the whale(s) had left the area;

- All vessels would provide mandatory, weekly gear loss reports; MA DMF would provide monthly gear conflict/loss reports to the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO);
- All vessels would operate within a 10-knot (18.52 km) speed limit when transiting Restricted Areas or when whales are observed;
- EarthRanger web access, the ER Buoy app, or an equivalent application will be utilized for identifying any on-demand gear currently set within the work areas;
- Stowed hauling lines in on-demand units will contain a unique colored marking consisting of 12" of yellow twine above each regional ALWTRP marking;
- A unique flag will be flown by each vessel within ALWTRP vertical line closure areas for enforcement recognition;
- All participants would carry a MA DMF scientist on a subset of trips to collect additional data and oversee trial performance;
- No floating groundline would be used on research trawls, including where otherwise legally allowed between the first trap and anchor or on-demand unit; and
- Law enforcement agencies will be notified of project participants and activities in advance of the project start date.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: December 2, 2025.

Kelly Denit,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF327]

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 hold an online meeting of its Ad Hoc Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries Innovation Workgroup (FIW) to discuss procedures to facilitate the development of new HMS gears and achieve the goals of the HMS Roadmap. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The online meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The 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* <https://www.pcouncil.org>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@pcouncil.org) or contact him at 503-820-2412 for technical assistance.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Pacific Council; telephone: 503-820-2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to continue discussion of the HMS Roadmap, the HMS exempted fishing permit (EFP) process, and EFP performance goals and metrics. The FIW will also discuss any guidance provided at the November 2025 Council meeting and plan for next steps.

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@pcouncil.org; 503-820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 1, 2025.

Rey 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-XF356]

Permits; Foreign Fishing

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

ACTION: Notice of application for transshipment permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes for public review and comment information regarding a permit application for transshipment of farmed salmon from aquaculture operations in Maine waters to processing plants in Canada by Canadian flagged vessels. The application for a transshipment permit is submitted under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). This action is necessary for NMFS to make a determination on whether to approve the permit application.

DATES: Written comments must be received by December 19, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action, identified by RTID 0648-XF356 should be sent to Jasmine Prat in the NMFS Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce by email at jasmine.prat@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jasmine Prat by email at jasmine.prat@noaa.gov, or by phone at 301-956-5472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 1824(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1824(d)) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to issue a transshipment