

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[RTID 0648–XF918]****Marine Mammals; File No. 29716**

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that ABR, Inc. Environmental Research and Services, P.O. Box 80410, Fairbanks, AK 99708 (Responsible Party: Adrian Gall, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on 4 pinniped species and 10 cetacean species.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 29716 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. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Sara Young, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to evaluate the seasonal and annual distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the vicinity of a proposed barge site in the Tuxedni Bay and Tuxedni Channel, western Cook Inlet, Alaska. Target species include: endangered beluga (*Delphinapterus leucas*, Cook Inlet distinct population segment [DPS]); endangered fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*); endangered North Pacific right

(*Eubalaena japonica*); gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*, including the endangered Western North Pacific stock); humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*, Hawaii, endangered Western North Pacific, and threatened Mexico DPSs), killer (*Orcinus orca*), and minke (*B. acutorostrata*) whales; Pacific white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*); harbor (*Phocoena phocoena*) and Dall's (*Phocoenoides dalli*) porpoise; harbor (*Phoca vitulina*) and Northern fur (*Callorhinus ursinus*) seals; and California (*Zalophus californianus*) and Steller (*Eumetopias jubatus*, endangered Western DPS) sea lions. Researchers would conduct vessel and aerial surveys (crewed and uncrewed) of marine mammals of all life stages for counts, photography/videography, and observations. See the application for numbers of animals requested by species. The permit is requested for 5 years and 3 months.

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: July 22, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE:**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[RTID 0648–XF906]****Gulf Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

ACTION: Notice of hybrid meeting open to the public offering both in-person and virtual options for participation.

SUMMARY: The Gulf Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of America fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will convene Monday, August 24, 2026 through Thursday, August 27, 2026. Daily schedule: Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., CDT and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., CDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, located at 151 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39530. If you prefer to “listen in,” you may access the log-on information by visiting our website at www.gulfcouncil.org.

Council address: Gulf Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carrie Simmons, Executive Director, Gulf Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Monday, August 24, 2026; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CDT

The meeting will begin with the induction of reappointed Council members, followed by the Administrative/Budget Committee's review and discussion of the Final 2026 Funded Budget and Activities, the future funding cycle, timing of funding releases, and Council planning.

The Shrimp Committee will review the July 2026 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting Summary and Recommendations and receive a status update from the Working Group to Address Interactions and Bycatch of Protected Resources in Shrimp Trawls.

The Gulf Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee will receive the July 2026 SEDAR Steering Committee Summary Report. The Ecosystem Committee will review the contractor report, Identification of Stakeholder-Driven Fishery Ecosystem Issues. The Data Collection Committee will review and discuss Final Action for the Generic Amendment: Modifications to the Gulf For-hire Data Collection Program and receive a presentation on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)-Fishing Effort Survey (FES) Pilot Study Results.

Tuesday, August 25, 2026; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CDT

The meeting will begin with a litigation update, followed by the Reef Fish Committee's review of draft options for Reef Fish Amendment 64: Delegate Federal For-hire Red Snapper Management to Gulf States and for Management Flexibility for the Federal For-hire component of the Red Snapper fishery.

The committee will also review a draft of Modifications to Red Snapper Private Recreational Post-Season Accountability Measures and the July 2026 SSC Meeting Summary and Recommendations.

Following lunch, the committee will review draft Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs and discuss decision points for Red Snapper Catch Limits and Allocations.

The committee will review Public Hearing draft—Reef Fish Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44: Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures and Discuss any Exempted Fishing Permits.

Wednesday, August 26, 2026; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., CDT

The Reef Fish Committee will reconvene to receive an overview titled “Understanding Catch Per Unit Effort from Fishery-Independent and Fishery-Dependent Indices of Relative Abundance,” followed by presentations on the Gulf Fishery-Independent Survey of Habitat and Ecosystem Resources (G-FISHER) Composite Video Index and the Red Grouper Commercial Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) Index.

The Sustainable Fisheries Committee will discuss the Five-Year Standardized Bycatch Reporting methodology.

At approximately 11:15 a.m., CDT the Council will convene with the Call to Order, Announcements and Introductions, Adoption of the Agenda, and Approval of Minutes.

The Council will receive updates from supporting agencies, including the South Atlantic Council Liaison, Mississippi Law Enforcement, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of State.

The Council will receive a presentation Celebrating 50 Years of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act in the Gulf, followed by public testimony beginning at 2 p.m.–5 p.m., CDT for public comment on Final Action—Generic Amendment: Modifications to Gulf For-hire Data Collection Program and Exempted Fishing Permits; and any Open Testimony on other Fishery Issues or Concerns.

Thursday, August 27, 2026; 8:30 a.m.–3:15 p.m., CDT

The Council will receive reports from the Administrative/Budget, Shrimp, Gulf SEDAR, Ecosystem, Data Collection, Sustainable Fisheries, and Reef Fish Committees.

The Council will also receive an update on documents transmitted for Rule Making, discuss Council Planning and Primary Activities, and consider any other business.

The meeting will conclude with the election of the Council Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2026–2027 term.

Meeting Adjourns

This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, with both in-person and virtual participation options available. Members of the public may register to listen to the meeting via webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and selecting the Council meeting from the calendar.

The timing and order of agenda items are subject to change to accommodate the needs of the Council. The most current agenda and all meeting materials will be posted on the Council’s website as they become available.

Although non-emergency issues not included in this notice may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action. Formal action will be limited to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication 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.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira at (813) 348–1630 at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

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

Dated: July 23, 2026.

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–XF909]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council 190th Public Hybrid Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public hybrid meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (CFMC) will hold the 190th public hybrid meeting to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The 190th CFMC public hybrid meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on August 12, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., AST. A closed meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, from 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., AST. The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Isla Verde Beach Resort, 7012 Boca de Cangrejos Avenue, Carolina, Puerto Rico 00979.

ADDRESSES: You may join the 190th CFMC public hybrid meeting via Zoom, from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

Topic: 190th CFMC Hybrid Public Meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85864287099?pwd=IaunLPx0DKBchEg3SCm7jDYFgtQZ9A.1>.

Meeting ID: 858 6428 7099.

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Join by SIP:

• 85864287099@zoomcrc.com

In case there are problems, and we cannot reconnect via Zoom, the meeting will continue using GoToMeeting.

You can join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/971749317>. You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (408) 650–3123 Access Code: 971–749–317.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 398–3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

August 11, 2026

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

—Call to Order

—Roll Call

—Adoption of Agenda

—Election of Officials

—Consideration of 189th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription

—Executive Director’s Report