

Dated: August 31, 2026.
Christopher Abbott,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
[RTID 0648–XG024]
Marine Mammals; File No. 29915
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 BBC Natural History and Factual Productions Ltd., Bridgewater House, Counterslip, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6BX (Responsible Party: Briony Jones) has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial and educational photography on pinnipeds.
DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 8, 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. 29915 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: Sara Young or Jennifer Skidmore, (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.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).
The applicant requests a 15-month permit to film grays seals on Monomoy Island for a documentary series. Up to 1,000 gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*) may be harassed during ground-based and uncrewed aircraft system filming and behavioral observations. Up to 23 hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*), 23, harp seals (*Pagophilus groenlandicus*), and 23 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) may be unintentionally harassed, observed, and opportunistically filmed during these activities.
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: September 3, 2026.
Larissa Plants,
Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
[RTID 0648–XG029]
Management Track Assessment for American Plaice and Gulf of Maine Haddock; Public Meeting
AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Notice of public meeting.
SUMMARY: NMFS will convene the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of

reviewing American plaice and Gulf of Maine haddock stocks. The Management Track Assessment Peer Review 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 the lead stock assessment scientist and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts. 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 Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from September 22, 2026–September 23, 2026. The public portion of the meeting will conclude on September 23, 2026 at 3 p.m. Eastern Daylight 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 and virtually using this Google Meet link: <http://meet.google.com/qyi-zjqz-eat>.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hooper, 508–258–9580; brian.hooper@noaa.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the NEFSC website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about management track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments>.
Daily Meeting Agenda—Management Track Peer Review Meeting
The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.
Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Time	Stock	Subject	Presenter
9 a.m.		Welcome/Logistics, Conduct of Meeting.	Brian Hooper, Kristan Blackhart, Kai Lorenzen, Chair.
9:15 a.m.	American Plaice	Terms of Reference (TOR) Review & Panel Questions.	Amanda Hart, Panel.
10:30 a.m.		Break.	