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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XG101]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Recreational Advisory Panel via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. EST Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-rg.zoom.us/j/9tFyC4pA>.

ADDRESSES:

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Groundfish Recreational Advisory Panel will receive an overview refresher of the recreation demand model and decision support tool used to develop recreational measures for Western Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock from NOAA Fisheries staff. They will also receive an overview of the data from NOAA Fisheries staff and discuss recreational fishing data for fishing year 2025 and preliminary fishing year 2026. The Panel will receive an update on the development of Framework Adjustment 74/ Specifications and Management Measures, review draft alternatives, and recommend preferred alternatives to the Groundfish Committee. 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: October 27, 2026.

Anna Michelle Harrison,

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–XG143]

Marine Mammals; File No. 29915

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

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that BBC Natural History and Factual Productions Ltd., Bridgewater House, Counterslip, Redcliffe, Bristol BS1 6BX (Responsible Party: Briony Jones), has withdrawn their application for a permit to conduct commercial and educational photography on marine mammals.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 8, 2026, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 57136) that a request for a permit to conduct filming of marine mammals

had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The applicant has withdrawn the application from further consideration.

Dated: October 27, 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–XG155]

Gulf 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 Gulf Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) will hold a 1 day in-person meeting of its Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC).

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, December 3, 2026, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Gulf Council’s office. Registration information will be available on the Council’s website by visiting <https://www.gulfcouncil.org> and clicking on the ETC meeting on the calendar.

Council address: Gulf Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Verena Wang, Ecosystem Analyst, Gulf Council; verena.wang@gulfcouncil.org, (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Thursday, December 3, 2026, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., EST

The meeting will begin with introductions of members, adoption of agenda, approval of minutes from the March 2026 meeting and scope of work. The Committee will review the preliminary results of the project to Identify Stakeholder-Driven Fishery Ecosystem Issues, discuss the Red Tide Pilot Fishery Ecosystem Issue and receive an update on the Gulf Ecosystem Status Report, including presentations, draft documents, and background materials.

Lastly, the committee will receive public comment and discuss any other business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will also be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting <https://www.gulfcouncil.org> and clicking on the Technical Committee meeting on the calendar. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Technical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Technical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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

Dated: October 26, 2026.

Anna Michelle Harrison,

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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the PetroMarine Services Juneau Rock Dump Terminal Reconstruction Project in Juneau, Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to PetroMarine Services (PM) to incidentally harass marine mammals incidental to Juneau International Airport (JNU) Rock Dump Fuel Terminal Reconstruction Project in Juneau, Alaska (AK).

DATES: This IHA is effective from October 26, 2026, through October 25, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carter Esch, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

MMPA Background and Determinations

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct 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 the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS shall issue an IHA if it finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least [practicable] adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” are found in the MMPA and NMFS’ implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

On September 10, 2026, NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to PM for take of marine mammals incidental to the JNU Rock Dump Fuel Terminal Reconstruction Project in Juneau, AK, was published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 57550). In that notice, NMFS

provided estimates of the numbers, types, and methods of incidental take proposed for each species or stock, as well as the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures that would be required should the IHA be issued. The **Federal Register** notice also included an analysis to support NMFS’ preliminary conclusions and determinations that the IHA, if issued, would satisfy the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for issuance of the IHA. The **Federal Register** notice included web links to a draft IHA for review, as well as other supporting documents.

No substantive comments were received during the public comment period. There are no changes to the specified activity, the species taken, the proposed numbers, type, or methods of take, or the mitigation, monitoring, or reporting measures in the proposed IHA notice. No new information that would change any of the preliminary analyses, conclusions, or determinations in the proposed IHA notice has become available since that notice was published, and therefore, the preliminary analyses, conclusions, and determinations included in the proposed IHA are considered final.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of this IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency ensures that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of incidental take authorizations, NMFS