

this notice by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday, February 20, 2024 to allow distribution of written comments to IoT Advisory Board members prior to the meeting. Each IoT Advisory Board meeting agenda will include a period, not to exceed sixty minutes, for oral presentation of comments from the public. Oral presentation of comments from the public during this sixty-minute period will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to five minutes per person for oral presentation if requested by the commenter. Members of the public who wish to expand upon their submitted comments, those who had wished to present comments orally but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend the meeting via webinar, are invited to submit written statements. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the IoT Advisory Board at any time. All written statements should be directed to the IoT Advisory Board Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory by email to: [Barbara.Cuthill@nist.gov](mailto:Barbara.Cuthill@nist.gov).

**Admittance Instructions:** Participants planning to attend via webinar must register via the instructions found on the IoT Advisory Board's web page at <https://www.nist.gov/itl/applied-cybersecurity/nist-cybersecurity-iot-program/internet-things-advisory-board>.

**Tamiko Ford,**  
NIST Executive Secretariat.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File Nos. 27408, 27499, and 27503

**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 Alaska Sea Life Center (ASLC), P.O. Box 1329, 301 Railway Avenue, Seward, AK 99664 (Responsible Party: Tara Reimer, Ph.D.); Alaska Fisheries Science Center's Marine Mammal Laboratory (MML), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: John Bengston); and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802

(Responsible Party: Michael Rehberg), have applied in due form for permits to conduct research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications 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 the File No. 27408 (ASLC), 27499 (MML), or 27503 (ADF&G) 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 the File Nos. 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, Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Jennifer Skidmore at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permits are 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.*).

**For File No. 27408:** ASLC proposes to conduct research to monitor population vital rates of the endangered western distinct population segment (wDPS) of Steller sea lions and determine what factors most affect vital rates and the potential for population recovery, focusing on population dynamics, health, diet, and behavior. Individuals may be taken in the Gulf of Alaska by the following means: disturbance associated with capture, observational studies, and material/scat/carcass collection; capture, restraint, and sampling; and remote biopsy. Captured sea lions will undergo morphometrics, digital imaging, hot-branding, biological sampling, temporary marking, and ultrasound exams. ASLC requests four unintentional mortalities from the

wDPS over the duration of the permit. California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) may be disturbed during the research. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species and procedure. The requested duration of this permit is 5 years.

**For File No. 27499:** MML proposes to conduct research to measure population status, vital rates, foraging ecology, habitat requirements, and effects of natural and anthropogenic factors impacting Steller sea lion populations pursuant to fulfilling the NMFS legal requirements under the MMPA and ESA, and to test hypotheses of mechanisms underlying population trends in Alaska. Proposed activities include surveys (aerial, vessel, and land) including unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), capture and handling, marking, hot branding, sampling (including but not limited to blood, blubber, swabs of all mucus membranes and lesions, skin samples, vibrissae, feces, urine, hair, and nail), tagging, and unintentional disturbance. Animals may be disturbed by surveys, captured, sampled and released for vital rates, foraging ecology and/or health studies multiple times per year. MML requests four unintentional mortalities from the wDPS annually, not to exceed eight over the duration of the permit. Non-target species that may be disturbed unintentionally to these studies include northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and California sea lions. Collected samples may be exported for analysis. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species and procedure. The requested duration of this permit is 5 years.

**For File No. 27503:** ADF&G proposes to continue their long-term Steller sea lion research program, to investigate recovery trends, collecting survival and reproduction data, investigating movement between and within the populations, and monitoring threats. Proposed activities include: aerial (including UAS), vessel and ground-based surveys including counts, photography, and observations; remote biopsy sampling; captures including morphometrics, marking, external instrument attachment, biological sampling, ultrasound, and hot branding; and collection, import, export, and receipt of pinniped parts. ADF&G requests four unintentional mortalities annually from each the wDPS and eastern DPS, not to exceed eight per DPS over the duration of the permit. Non-target species that may be disturbed during these studies include northern fur seals, and harbor, spotted

(*Phoca largha*), ribbon (*Histiophoca fasciata*), ringed (*Pusa hispida*), and bearded (*Erignathus barbatus*) seals. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species and procedure. The requested duration of this permit is 5 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 activities proposed are consistent with the Preferred Alternative in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007) and a supplemental environmental assessment (NMFS 2014) prepared for the addition of unmanned aerial surveys to the suite of Steller sea lion research activities analyzed under the EIS that concluded that issuance of the permits would not have a significant adverse impact on the human environment. An environmental review memo is being prepared to summarize these findings.

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: January 31, 2024.

**Amy Sloan,**

*Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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 convene two webinar meetings of its Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and one meeting of its Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP). The first meetings held by the GAP and the meeting of the GMT will discuss items on the Pacific Council's March 2024 meeting agenda. The second meeting of the GMT is to discuss items on the Pacific Council's April 2024

meeting agenda. These meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The GAP online meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Pacific Time. The first GMT online meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Pacific Time. The second GMT online meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Pacific Time. The scheduled ending times for these meetings are an estimate. Each meeting will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** Both meetings will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to attend the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Phillips, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; [todd.phillips@noaa.gov](mailto:todd.phillips@noaa.gov); telephone: (503) 820-2426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GAP webinar held on February 21, 2024 and the GMT webinar held on February 22, 2024 is to prepare for the Pacific Council's March 2024 meeting agenda items. The advisory bodies are expected to primarily discuss groundfish related matters during this webinar. As time allows, they may potentially discuss ecosystem and administrative matters on the Pacific Council agenda as well.

The primary purpose of the GMT webinar held on March 26, 2024 is to prepare for the Pacific Council's April 2024 meeting agenda items. The GMT will discuss items related to 2025-26 groundfish harvest specifications and management measures, and inseason management on the Pacific Council agenda.

Detailed agendas for the webinars will be available on the Pacific Council's website prior to the meetings. The GAP and GMT may also address other assignments relating to groundfish management. No management actions will be decided by the GMT and GAP.

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@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 31, 2024.

**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

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental To Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Navy 2024 Ice Exercise Activities in the Arctic Ocean

**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 the U.S. Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass marine mammals during submarine training and testing activities associated with a 2024 Ice Exercise (ICEX24) Activities in the Arctic Ocean.

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from February 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024.

**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/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-military-readiness-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.