

Committee will address coral management and provide guidance on the utilization of deepwater coral modelling for management and resubmission of Coral Amendment 10.

**SEDAR Committee, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Until 2:30 p.m.**

The Committee will receive a report from the SEDAR Steering Committee, address Terms of Reference for the SEDAR assessment of Florida Keys/East Coast Florida and Gulf of Mexico hogfish (SEDAR 94), review the SEDAR schedule, and select species to consider for 2027 assessments.

**Council Session II, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 2:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m. and Friday, December 8, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.**

The Council will receive a litigation brief if needed, receive a staff report, and a report from the Council Coordination Committee. The Council will review Allocations Review Guidelines and consider approval, receive an update on stakeholder meetings planning, and receive a presentation on offshore wind activities. The Council will approve topics for a meeting of the Law Enforcement AP and receive reports from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center. The Council will receive Committee reports, review its workplan, review upcoming meetings, and take action as necessary. The Council will discuss any other business as needed.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: November 13, 2023.

**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-XD524]**

**Marine Mammals; File No. 27670**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Iris Segura-Garcia, Ph.D., Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Florida Atlantic University, 5600 US 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34946, has applied in due form for a permit to receive and import cetacean parts for scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The application 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 (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 27670 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 File No. 27670 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:** Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (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.*), and the regulations governing

the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to receive and import parts for research from up to 200 individual cetaceans of any species. Sources of samples may include animals in foreign countries stranded alive or dead or that died during rehabilitation, animals in captivity, and samples from other authorized persons. The parts would be used to understand cetaceans (1) foraging strategies when exposed to limited resources and/or disturbed habitats, (2) food web health, and (3) exposure to environmental toxicants and biomarkers of exposure and health effects. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

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: November 13, 2023.

**Julia M. Harrison,**

*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**

**[RTID 0648-XD530]**

**Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Exempted Fishing Permit Application**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, NMFS, announces receipt of an exempted fishing permit (EFP) application, and is considering issuance of an EFP that seeks exemption from the requirements at requiring vessel owners and operators to retain sablefish, rex sole, Pacific sanddab and California halibut when on a declared optimized retention bottom trawl or non-whiting midwater trawl trip. At this