

discretionary authority described in section 303(b)(2)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), where fishing may be restricted in order to protect deep-sea corals from physical damage caused by fishing gear. Such zones would be located within the geographical range of the MSB fishery, as described in the FMP. However, management measures may apply to any MSA-regulated fishing activity within this range. Therefore, any measures pursued under this authority would likely apply to all federally managed fisheries within the geographic range of the MSB fisheries. The geographical range of this fishery includes the coastal and EEZ waters of the U.S. East Coast, with a core fishery management area from North Carolina to Maine.

- Designation of deep-sea corals as a component of EFH or as Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs).
- Measures to minimize bycatch of deep-sea coral species.
- Special access programs to provide for continued fishing in or near deep-sea coral areas for specific fisheries or gear types.
- Exploratory fishing programs to allow for future development of new fisheries in a way that protects deep-sea corals.

The Mid-Atlantic Council is seeking comments on the scope of alternatives to be considered in this amendment, as well as general comments or concerns relating to deep-sea coral protections in the mid-Atlantic.

Scoping Meetings

Two scoping meetings to facilitate public comment will be held on the following dates and locations:

1. February 5, 2013, 7–9 p.m., via webinar; connection information to be available at <http://www.mafmc.org/meetings/meetings.htm> or by contacting the Mid-Atlantic Council (see **ADDRESSES**);

2. February 13, 2013, 4 p.m., Embassy Suites Hampton Roads, 1700 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666.

Special Accommodations

The scoping meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders (302–674–2331 ext. 18) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 9, 2013.

Emily H. Menashes,

Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XC443

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined in the agenda below.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2013, 3–4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: Conference call. Public access is available at 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Holliday, (301) 427–8004; email: Mark.Holliday@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The complete charter and other information are located online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/>.

Matters To Be Considered

The Committee is convening to recommend a list of new members to participate on the Recreational Fisheries Working Group for submission to the NOAA Fisheries Assistant Administrator. This agenda is subject to change.

Dated: January 10, 2013.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, performing the functions and duties of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XB173

Marine Mammals; File No. 16919

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Eye of the Whale (Olga von Ziegesar, Responsible Party and Principal Investigator), P.O. Box 15191, Fitz Creek, AK 99603 to conduct research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*).

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427–8401; fax (301)713–0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668; phone (907)586–7221; fax (907)586–7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Carrie Hubbard, (301)427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 11, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 27717) that a request for a permit to conduct research on humpback whales had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued 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 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 Permit Holder has been issued a five-year scientific research permit to continue a long-term census of humpback whales in Prince William Sound and adjacent waters of Alaska. Researchers are authorized 200 takes annually to closely approach whales by vessel for counts, photo-identification and behavioral observation. The purpose of the work is to better define whale abundance, distribution, reoccurrence of old individuals vs. new individuals, feeding habits, vital rates, associations between animals, and sex of individual whales.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on October 9, 2012.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 10, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Financial Education Content Needs Survey

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the addresses below. Please refer to this **Federal Register** notice in any correspondence.

Comments may be submitted to:
Nisha Smalls, Office of Consumer
Outreach, Commodity Futures Trading
Commission, 1155 21st Street NW.,
Washington, DC 20581;

*Comments may also be submitted by
any of the following methods:*

The agency's Web site at <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

Mail: Natise Stowe, Office of the
Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading
Commission, Three Lafayette Centre,
1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC
20581.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail
above.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Please submit your comments using only one method and identity that it is for the renewal of this **Federal Register** notice.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to www.cftc.gov. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt

information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.¹

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY

CONTACT: Nisha Smalls, Office of
Consumer Outreach, Commodity
Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st
Street NW., Washington, DC 20581,
(202) 418-5895; FAX: (202) 418-5541;
email: nsmalls@cftc.gov and refer to this
Federal Register notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract: In accordance with 7 U.S.C. 26, the CFTC is posing survey questions to the public. Questions included in the survey will inquire as to how often the respondents would like to receive content from CFTC, the format in which the respondents would like to receive information, and the topics the information should cover.

The Office of Consumer Outreach develops campaigns to change consumer behaviors, so that consumers can better avoid fraud as defined under the Commodities Exchange Act. The first campaign from the Office of Consumer Outreach involves utilizing government and non-profit agency distribution methods to provide anti-fraud information to consumers. This survey will assist the Office of Consumer Outreach in determining how the government and non-profit agencies would like to receive the anti-fraud information from the CFTC.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 30, 2012.

Burden statement: The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Regulations (17 CFR)	Estimated number of respondents	Total annual responses	Estimated number of hours per response	Annual burden
Survey	500	500	.25	125

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with

this collection. The proposed survey will consist of the following questions:

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¹ See 17 CFR 145.9.