

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Iain Kerr, D.H.L., Ocean Alliance, 32 Horton Street, Gloucester, MA 01930, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 27, 2025.

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 home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 28408 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available 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. 28408 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: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Amy Hapeman, (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 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 requests a 10-year permit to conduct research in U.S. and international waters of the North Atlantic Ocean and Hawaii to study behavioral, feeding, and acoustic ecology, distribution, toxicology, microplastics, and the effects of anthropogenic noise. Up to 15 species of cetaceans and 2 species of pinnipeds may be harassed including the following ESA-listed species: blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whales (*B. physalus*), North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei whales (*B. borealis*), and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*). Research may be conducted from a vessel or unmanned aircraft system for counts, observations,

photography and video recording, photo-ID, photogrammetry, thermal imaging, passive acoustics, biological sampling (exhaled air, feces, sloughed skin, and skin and blubber biopsy), cell line development, and suction-cup tagging. Parts may be imported and exported for analysis, including those collected on the high seas, and parts collected in foreign territorial waters. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species, age-class, and procedure.

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: July 23, 2025.

Shannon Bettridge,

Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle 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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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its advisory panels via webinar to address Executive Order *Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness*.

DATES: The webinar meeting of advisory panels will take place on August 11, 2025. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., EDT. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Wiegand, Fishery Social

Scientist, SAFMC; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; FAX 843/769-4520; email: christina.wiegand@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 17, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order 14276: *Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness*. Among other things, the Executive Order requires the regional fishery management councils to identify actions that would stabilize markets, improve access, enhance economic profitability, and prevent closures. As a part of this process, the South Atlantic Council will gather input from their advisory panels to prioritize which management actions may achieve the goals stated in the Executive Order. Public comment on Executive Order 14276 will be accepted via the Council's website.

The agenda for the webinar meeting of the advisory panels is as follows: Council staff will briefly introduce Executive Order 14276 and the input requested of the Council. The presentation will also include a status update on Council actions identified in 2020 in response to Executive Order 13921: *Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth*. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide input on the Executive Orders. The AP meeting is open to the public via webinar. Information will be posted on the Council's website at <https://safmc.net/meetings/> as it becomes available.

Written comments from members of the public should be addressed to John Carmichael, Executive Director, SAFMC, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405. Written comments must be received by August 15, 2025, by 5 p.m.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aid should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) five 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: July 24, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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