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Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Kristy Beard, (301) 713-2289.

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 222-226).

Dr. Kraus requests a three-year scientific research permit to study North Atlantic right whales along the U.S. East Coast from New York Harbor to the Maine-Canada border. Dr. Kraus would conduct experimental trials in which a rope mimic consisting of a colored rigid pipe would be placed in the water near the travelling path of a juvenile or adult whale to determine if right whales are responsive to various color and light characteristics. Control trials would also be conducted with no rope mimic placed in an animal's path. The applicant requests to take up to 200 whales annually for the close vessel approach, photo-identification, observation, and monitoring of whales during trials. The proposed research would seek to determine whether the sensory and behavioral capabilities of right whales can be used to avoid entanglements at depth and in conditions of poor visibility.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a draft

environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft EA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit application.

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: December 6, 2010.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; North Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Programs

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

ACTION: Notification of standard prices and fee percentage.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes individual fishing quota (IFQ) standard prices for the IFQ cost recovery program in the halibut and sablefish fisheries of the North Pacific. This action is intended to provide holders of halibut and sablefish IFQ permits with the 2010 standard prices and fee percentage to calculate the required payment for IFQ cost recovery fees due by January 31, 2011.

DATES: Effective December 10, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Troie Zuniga, Fee Coordinator, 907-586-7231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

NMFS Alaska Region administers the halibut and sablefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) programs in the North Pacific. The IFQ programs are limited access systems authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982. Fishing under the IFQ programs began

in March 1995. Regulations implementing the IFQ program are set forth at 50 CFR part 679.

In 1996, the Magnuson-Stevens Act was amended to, among other things, require the Secretary of Commerce to "collect a fee to recover the actual costs directly related to the management and enforcement of any * * * individual quota program." This requirement was further amended in 2006 to include collection of the actual costs of data collection, and to replace the reference to "individual quota program" with a more general reference to "limited access privilege program" at section 304(d)(2)(A). This section of the Magnuson-Stevens Act also specifies an upper limit on these fees, when the fees must be collected, and where the fees must be deposited.

On March 20, 2000, NMFS published regulations implementing the IFQ cost recovery program (65 FR 14919), which are set forth at § 679.45. Under the regulations, an IFQ permit holder incurs a cost recovery fee liability for every pound of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish that is landed on his or her IFQ permit(s). The IFQ permit holder is responsible for self-collecting the fee liability for all IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings on his or her permit(s). The IFQ permit holder is also responsible for submitting a fee liability payment to NMFS on or before the due date of January 31 of the year following the year in which the IFQ landings were made. The dollar amount of the fee due is determined by multiplying the annual IFQ fee percentage (3 percent or less) by the ex-vessel value of all IFQ landings made on a permit and summing the totals of each permit (if more than one).

Standard Prices

The fee liability is based on the sum of all payments made to fishermen for the sale of the fish during the year. This includes any retro-payments (*e.g.*, bonuses, delayed partial payments, post-season payments) made to the IFQ permit holder for previously landed IFQ halibut or sablefish.

For purposes of calculating IFQ cost recovery fees, NMFS distinguishes between two types of ex-vessel value: Actual and standard. Actual ex-vessel value is the amount of all compensation, monetary or non-monetary, that an IFQ permit holder received as payment for his or her IFQ fish sold. Standard ex-vessel value is the default value on which to base fee liability calculations. IFQ permit holders have the option of using actual ex-vessel value if they can satisfactorily document it; otherwise the standard ex-vessel value is used.

Regulations at § 679.45(c)(2)(i) require the Regional Administrator to publish IFQ standard prices during the last quarter of each calendar year. These standard prices are used, along with estimates of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings, to calculate standard values. The standard prices are described in U.S. dollars per IFQ equivalent pound for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings made during the year. IFQ equivalent pound(s) is the weight (in pounds) for an IFQ landing, calculated as the round weight for sablefish and headed and gutted net weight for halibut. NMFS calculates the standard prices to closely reflect the variations in the actual ex-vessel values

of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings by month and port or port-group. The standard prices for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish are listed in the tables that follow the next section. Data from ports are combined as necessary to protect confidentiality.

Fee Percentage

Section 304(d)(2)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifies a maximum fee of 3 percent of the ex-vessel value of fish harvested under an IFQ Program. NMFS annually sets a fee percentage for sablefish and halibut IFQ holders that is based on the actual annual costs associated with certain management and enforcement functions, as well as the

standard ex-vessel value of the catch subject to the IFQ fee for the current year. The method used by NMFS to calculate the IFQ fee percentage is described at § 679.45(d)(2)(ii).

Regulations at § 679.45(d)(3)(i) require NMFS to publish the IFQ fee percentage for the halibut and sablefish IFQ fisheries in the **Federal Register** during or before the last quarter of each year. For the 2010 sablefish and halibut IFQ fishing season, an IFQ permit holder is to use a fee liability percentage of 1.4 to calculate his or her fee for landed IFQ in pounds. The IFQ permit holder is responsible for submitting the fee liability payment to NMFS on or before January 31, 2011.

REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR 2010 IFQ SEASON

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex-vessel price \$	Sablefish standard ex-vessel price \$
CORDOVA	February 28	—	—
	March 31	—	—
	April 30	4.43	—
	May 31	4.48	3.64
	June 30	—	—
	July 31	—	—
	August 31	5.25	—
	September 30	—	—
	October 31	—	—
	November 30	—	—
	February 28	—	—
DUTCH HARBOR	March 31	—	—
	April 30	—	—
	May 31	—	—
	June 30	—	—
	July 31	—	—
	August 31	—	—
	September 30	—	—
	October 31	—	—
	November 30	—	—
	February 28	—	—
	March 31	4.59	—
HOMER	April 30	4.77	—
	May 31	4.64	—
	June 30	5.06	—
	July 31	5.24	—
	August 31	5.51	—
	September 30	5.67	—
	October 31	5.67	—
	November 30	5.67	—
	February 28	—	—
	March 31	—	—
	April 30	—	—
KETCHIKAN	May 31	—	—
	June 30	—	—
	July 31	4.93	—
	August 31	5.34	—
	September 30	—	—
	October 31	—	—
	November 30	—	—
	February 28	—	—
	March 31	4.15	4.36
	April 30	4.32	3.78
	May 31	4.31	3.65
KODIAK	June 30	4.54	3.66
	July 31	4.75	3.76
	August 31	5.06	4.01
	September 30	5.30	4.23
	October 31	5.30	4.23

REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR 2010 IFQ SEASON—Continued

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex-vessel price \$	Sablefish standard ex-vessel price \$
PETERSBURG	November 30	5.30	4.23
	February 28	—	—
	March 31	4.47	—
	April 30	4.59	—
	May 31	4.75	—
	June 30	5.00	—
	July 31	5.16	—
	August 31	5.38	—
	September 30	5.40	—
	October 31	5.40	—
	November 30	5.40	—
SEWARD	February 28	—	—
	March 31	—	—
	April 30	—	—
	May 31	—	—
	June 30	—	—
	July 31	—	—
	August 31	—	—
	September 30	—	—
	October 31	—	—
	November 30	—	—
	February 28	—	—
SITKA	March 31	—	—
	April 30	4.36	3.54
	May 31	4.61	3.59
	June 30	4.80	3.75
	July 31	—	—
	August 31	—	—
	September 30	—	—
	October 31	—	—
	November 30	—	—
	February 28	—	—
	March 31	—	—
YAKUTAT	April 30	—	—
	May 31	—	—
	June 30	—	—
	July 31	—	—
	August 31	—	—
	September 30	—	—
	October 31	—	—
	November 30	—	—
	February 28	—	—
	March 31	—	—
	April 30	—	—
	May 31	—	—
	June 30	—	—
	July 31	—	—
	August 31	—	—
	September 30	—	—
	October 31	—	—
	November 30	—	—
Port group	Period ending	Halibut standard ex-vessel price \$	Sablefish standard ex-vessel price \$
BERING SEA ¹	February 28	—	—
	March 31	—	—
	April 30	—	3.07
	May 31	4.09	3.41
	June 30	4.21	3.68
	July 31	4.50	3.80
	August 31	4.66	3.80
	September 30	4.60	3.72
	October 31	4.60	3.72
	November 30	4.60	3.72
	February 28	—	—
CENTRAL GULF ²	March 31	4.61	4.14
	April 30	4.51	3.72
	May 31	4.39	3.66
	June 30	4.73	3.73
	July 31	4.93	3.72
	August 31	5.22	3.82
	September 30	5.40	3.99
	October 31	5.40	3.99
	November 30	5.40	3.99
	February 28	—	—
	March 31	—	—

REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR 2010 IFQ SEASON—CONTINUED

Port group	Period ending	Halibut standard ex-vessel price \$	Sablefish standard ex-vessel price \$
SOUTHEAST ³	February 28	—	—
	March 31	4.76	3.72
	April 30	4.54	3.67
	May 31	4.67	3.70
	June 30	4.83	4.01
	July 31	5.04	3.90
	August 31	5.28	4.14
	September 30	5.57	4.35
	October 31	5.57	4.35
	November 30	5.57	4.35
	February 28	—	—
ALL ⁴	March 31	4.65	3.75
	April 30	4.49	3.66
	May 31	4.44	3.65
	June 30	4.67	3.80
	July 31	4.82	3.77
	August 31	5.07	3.90
	September 30	5.22	4.09
	October 31	5.22	4.09
	November 30	5.22	4.09

¹ Landing locations Within Port Group—Bering Sea: Adak, Akutan, Akutan Bay, Atka, Bristol Bay, Cheforak, Dillingham, Captains Bay, Dutch Harbor, Egegik, Ikatan Bay, Hooper Bay, King Cove, King Salmon, Kipnuk, Mekoryuk, Naknek, Nome, Quinhagak, Savoonga, St. George, St. Lawrence, St. Paul, Togiak, Toksook Bay, Tununak, Beaver Inlet, Ugadaga Bay, Unalaska.

² Landing Locations Within Port Group—Central Gulf of Alaska: Anchor Point, Anchorage, Alitak, Chignik, Cordova, Eagle River, False Pass, West Anchor Cove, Girdwood, Chinitna Bay, Halibut Cove, Homer, Kaslof, Kenai, Kenai River, Alitak, Kodiak, Port Bailey, Nikiski, Ninilchik, Old Harbor, Palmer, Sand Point, Seldovia, Resurrection Bay, Seward, Valdez, Whittier.

³ Landing Locations Within Port Group—Southeast Alaska: Angoon, Baranof Warm Springs, Craig, Edna Bay, Elfin Cove, Excursion Inlet, Gustavus, Haines, Hollis, Hoonah, Hyder, Auke Bay, Douglas, Tee Harbor, Juneau, Kake, Ketchikan, Klawock, Metlakatla, Pelican, Petersburg, Portage Bay, Port Alexander, Port Graham, Port Protection, Point Baker, Sitka, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, Thorne Bay, Wrangell, Yakutat.

⁴ Landing Locations Within Port Group—All: For Alaska: All landing locations included in 1, 2, and 3. For California: Eureka, Fort Bragg, Other California. For Oregon: Astoria, Aurora, Lincoln City, Newport, Warrenton, Other Oregon. For Washington: Anacortes, Bellevue, Bellingham, Nagai Island, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Ilwaco, La Conner, Port Angeles, Port Orchard, Port Townsend, Ranier, Fox Island, Mercer Island, Seattle, Standwood, Other Washington. For Canada: Port Hardy, Port Edward, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Haines Junction, Other Canada.

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

Dated: December 6, 2010.

Brian Parker,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions And Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds product and service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

DATES: Effective Date: 1/3/2011.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800,

1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 10/15/2010 (75 FR 63446-63447), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to furnish the product and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the product and service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the product and service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the product and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following product and service are added to the Procurement List:

Product

Yellow Vinyl Panel Marker/NSN: 8345-00-NSH-0015.

NPA: Development Workshop, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID.

Contracting Activity: Bureau of Land Management, FA-National Interagency Fire Center, Boise, ID.