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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Albacore United States Stakeholder Meeting; Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a U.S. stakeholder meeting open to the public to discuss North Pacific albacore (NPALB) management. This meeting is intended to prepare for potential discussions at the 2023 annual meetings of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Northern Committee (WCPFC NC) on a harvest strategy for NPALB fisheries. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The virtual meeting will be held on February 15, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (or until business is concluded). You must complete the registration process by February 8, 2023, if you plan to attend the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials to Valerie Post at valerie.post@noaa.gov by February 8, 2023, and may also provide oral comments during the virtual meeting.

ADDRESSES: If you plan to attend the meeting, which will be held by webinar, please register at <https://forms.gle/HmauFTcdHQQZ1MHLs8>. Instructions for attending the meeting will be emailed to meeting participants before the meeting occurs. This meeting may be audio recorded for the purposes of generating notes of the meeting. As public comments will be made publicly available, participants and public commenters are urged not to provide personally identifiable information (PII) at this meeting. Participation in the meeting, in person,

by web conference, or by telephone constitutes consent to the audio recording.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Valerie Post, Pacific Islands Regional Office at valerie.post@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2021, the International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) completed a management strategy evaluation (MSE) on NPALB,¹ and the ISC Albacore Working Group hosted a meeting among U.S. and Canadian stakeholders from March 22–25, 2021, to review the results of the MSE. As a follow-up to the ISC meeting in March 2021, NMFS hosted virtual meetings on June 1, 2021 and April 5, 2022, for U.S. stakeholders to express their priorities and consider future management of NPALB. Additionally, in 2022, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission (WCPFC) adopted a harvest strategy for NPALB that indicated certain components (*e.g.*, harvest control rules) would be addressed in 2023.² The forthcoming February 15 meeting, is intended to follow up on the June 2021 and April 2022 webinars, as well as to prepare for anticipated discussions at the IATTC and WCPFC Northern Committee (NC).

NPALB U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topics

The agenda will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include a discussion on a harvest strategy for NPALB that may include, but is not limited to, harvest control rules, management procedures and exceptional circumstances.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be indicated when registering for the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 8, 2023.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; and 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*

Dated: January 11, 2023.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

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

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¹ http://isc.fra.go.jp/working_groups/albacore.html.

² https://iattc.org/GetAttachment/9d1676e8-b2af-4f40-88c1-5c3f0f8594ea/C-22-04_North-Albacore-Harvest-Strategy.pdf and harvest strategies recently adopted by the WCPFC are expected to be available here: <https://www.wcpfc.int/harvest-strategy>.

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 a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) will hold an online public meeting.

DATES: The online meeting will be held Thursday, February 2, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pacific Standard Time or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including a proposed agenda and directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (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: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this online meeting is for the MPC to consider current offshore wind energy and aquaculture issues and to provide information and advice to the Pacific Council for consideration at its March 2023 meeting. Potential topics may include:

1. Update on suitability modeling being conducted by the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to support identification of offshore Wind Energy Areas for two Call Areas off the Oregon Coast;

2. Update on the Draft NOAA Aquaculture Opportunity Areas Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; and

3. Summarizing the December 2022 lease auction for five offshore Wind Energy Areas off Central and Northern California.

Other relevant topics may be addressed as appropriate.

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; (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 12, 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

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Abalone

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application; to renew one scientific research and enhancement permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a request to renew an existing scientific research and enhancement permit for white abalone. The proposed work is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management, conservation, and recovery efforts. The application may be viewed online at: https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the application must be received at the provided email address (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before February 17, 2023.

ADDRESSES: All written comments on the applications should be submitted by

email to nmfs.wcr-apps@noaa.gov. Please include the permit number (14344-3R) in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Wang, Long Beach, CA (email: Susan.Wang@noaa.gov). Permit application instructions are available from the address above, or online at <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Endangered white abalone (*Haliotis sorenseni*).

Authority

Scientific research and enhancement permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on the application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on the application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Applications Received

Permit 14344-3R

The University of California, Davis' Bodega Marine Laboratory (BML) has requested to renew a research and enhancement permit that currently authorizes a captive breeding program for white abalone. The permit allows BML and approved facilities to hold, breed, grow-out, and conduct lab studies on captive white abalone. The permit also allows BML and co-investigators to collect wild white abalone from the ocean and bring them in to captivity to serve as broodstock for the captive breeding program. The requested permit renewal would allow these activities to continue for an additional 5 years.

The purpose of the research and enhancement permit is to: (1) investigate and overcome key barriers to captive propagation of endangered white abalone in captivity; (2) identify

limitations on reproduction in wild white abalone; (3) understand disease processes and how to mitigate them; and (4) seek the most successful means of restoring white abalone in the wild.

Activities would include collection from the wild, captive holding, breeding, rearing, grow-out, lab experiments, genetic sampling, tagging, observation, and transport of white abalone. Both wild-collected and captive-bred white abalone are currently held at BML and several captive facilities throughout the coast. Additional wild white abalone may be collected to increase the numbers and genetic integrity of the captive broodstock. We expect and intend that the captive breeding program will benefit white abalone by supporting critical lab studies to inform recovery and providing healthy abalone for outplanting to restore wild populations.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decision will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 11, 2023.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species 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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Naval Base Point Loma Fuel Pier Inboard Pile Removal Project

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of Renewal incidental harassment authorization (IHA).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued a renewal