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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Young or Shasta McClenahan, (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.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to film northern elephant seals at Año Nuevo State Park in California. Footage would be used to create a documentary series for National Geographic that will be broadcast on multiple platforms in 2022. Up to 1,400 northern elephant seals would be filmed over the duration of the project from land or from unmanned aircraft systems. One hundred California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), 100 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and 100 Steller sea lions from the eastern distinct population segment (*Eumetopias jubatus*) may be opportunistically filmed or harassed if encountered over the duration of the project. Filming is expected to occur over 4 weeks between January 2021 and March 2022, concentrated in the months of January and February. The permit would expire on March 1, 2022.

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: October 30, 2020.

**Julia Marie 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-XA617]

#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its American Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP), Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam AP, Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP, and Mariana Archipelago FEP-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) AP to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; the Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam AP will meet on Thursday, November 19, 2020, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Friday, November 20, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and the Mariana Archipelago FEP-CNMI AP will meet on Saturday, November 21, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All times listed are local island times. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** Each of the meetings will be held by web conference. Audio and visual portions for all of the web conferences can be accessed at: <https://wprfmc.webex.com/join/info.wpcouncilnoaa.gov>. Web conference access information will also be posted on the Council's website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. Information on how to provide public comment will be posted on the Council's website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa FEP AP Meeting

*Wednesday, November 18, 2020, from 5 p.m.–7:30 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Meeting and Recommendations
3. Council Issues
  - A. American Samoa Bottomfish
    - i. Development of Annual Catch Limits for 2020–21
    - ii. Development of a Stock Rebuilding Plan
  - B. Considerations for Developing Reasonable and Prudent Measures (RPMs) and/or Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives (RPAs) for the American Samoa Longline Fishery
4. American Samoa Reports
5. Report on American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP Plan Activities
6. Fishery Issues and Activities
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

#### Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam AP Meeting

*Thursday, November 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Meeting and Recommendations
3. Council Issues
  - A. Development of a Bottomfish Stock Rebuilding Plan
4. Guam Reports
5. Report on Mariana Archipelago FEP Advisory Panel Plan Activities
6. Fishery Issues and Activities
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

#### Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP Meeting

*Friday, November 20, 2020, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Meeting and Recommendations
3. Council Issues
  - A. Options for Including Tori Lines in the Hawaii Longline Fishery Seabird Mitigation Measures
  - B. Considerations for Developing Reasonable and Prudent Measures and/or Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives for the Hawaii Longline Fishery
  - C. Comments on False Killer Whale Take and Recovery Plans
  - D. Hawaii Fishery Management Plans
4. Hawaii Reports
5. Report on Hawaii Archipelago FEP AP Plan Activities
6. Fishery Issues and Activities

7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

#### **Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP–CNMI AP Meeting**

*Saturday, November 21, 2020, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Meeting and Recommendations
3. Council Issues
  - A. Development of a Bottomfish Stock Rebuilding Plan for Guam
4. CNMI Reports
5. Report on Mariana Archipelago FEP AP Plan Activities
6. Fishery Issues and Activities
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

#### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 30, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*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–XA543]

#### **Determination of Overfishing or an Overfished Condition**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has found that Atlantic herring is now overfished, and Gulf of Maine thorny skate and Pacific sardine are both still overfished. NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, notifies the appropriate regional fishery management council (Council) whenever it determines that overfishing is occurring, a stock is in an overfished condition, or a stock is approaching an overfished condition.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Regina Spallone, (301) 427–8568.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 304(e)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, must notify Councils, and publish in the **Federal Register**, whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing, overfished, or approaching an overfished condition.

NMFS has determined that Atlantic herring is now overfished and Gulf of Maine thorny skate is still overfished. The Atlantic herring determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2020, using data through 2019, which indicates that this stock is overfished because the spawning stock biomass is below the threshold. The thorny skate determination is based on the most recent stock status update, completed in 2020, using data through 2019, which indicates that this stock is still overfished because the 3-year average biomass index remains below the threshold. NMFS has notified the New England Fishery Management Council of the requirement to rebuild these stocks.

NMFS has determined that Pacific sardine is still overfished. This determination is based on the most recent assessment, completed in 2020, using data through 2019, which indicates that this stock is still overfished because the biomass remains below the threshold. NMFS has notified the Pacific Fishery Management Council of the requirement to rebuild this stock.

Dated: October 29, 2020.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XA618]

#### **Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Pacific Pelagics

Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Plan Team (PT) to discuss fishery management issues and develop recommendations to the Council for future management of pelagic fisheries in the Western Pacific region.

**DATES:** For the dates, times and agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held by web conference. Audio and visual portions of the web conference can be accessed at: <https://wprfmc.webex.com/wprfmc/onstage/g.php?MTID=e6f56f181a8490aa50b88d7d27030ca3d>. Event number (if prompted): 133 176 7822. Event password (if prompted): PelagicPT112. Web conference access information will also be posted on the Council's website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522–8220.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pelagic PT meeting will be held on November 19, 2020, and run each day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on November 20, 2020, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)). Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### **Agenda for the Pelagic Plan Team Meeting**

*Thursday, November 19, 2020, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. HST*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Oceanic Whitetip Working Group Report
  - A. Monte Carlo Analyses of Mitigation Measures
  - B. Post Release Mortality, Handling, and Trailing Gear
  - C. Vessel Specific Impact Analyses
  - D. EBFM Project Updates
  - E. Working Group Report Summary
4. Possible North Pacific Striped Marlin Rebuilding Measure(s)
5. Stock Status Determination of Western and Central Pacific Silky Shark
6. Tori Line Options for Hawaii Longline Fisheries
7. Hawaii Deep-set Longline and American Samoa Longline Reasonable and Prudent Measure Development
8. Hawaii Non-longline Fishery Management