

for endangered or threatened species. No incidental take of ESA-listed marine mammal species is expected to result from this activity, and none are authorized. Therefore, NMFS determined that consultation under section 7 of the ESA was not required for this action.

### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

### Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued a renewal IHA to the Navy for the taking of marine mammals incidental to modification and expansion of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Dry Dock 1 from the date of issuance through February 27, 2022, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. The IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>.

Dated: March 12, 2021.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of webconference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) Enforcement Committee will meet March 31, 2021.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Alaska time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1965>.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2252; telephone (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jon McCracken, Council staff; phone; (907) 271-2809 and email: [jon.mccracken@noaa.gov](mailto:jon.mccracken@noaa.gov). For technical support please contact administrative Council staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

*Wednesday, March 31, 2021*

The Enforcement Committee will review Council agenda item D3 RQE funding mechanism discussion paper. The paper examines a mechanism for the RQE to fund the purchase of halibut quota share be selling halibut stamps to charter operators. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1965> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

### Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1965>.

### Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://>

[meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1965](https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1965).

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

Dated: March 12, 2021.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit renewal application from the Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act require publication of this notice to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 1, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [NMFS.GAR.EFP@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.GAR.EFP@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line "Comments on AOLA Larval Lobster EFP." If you cannot submit a comment through this method, please contact Allison Murphy at (978) 281-9122, or email at [allison.murphy@noaa.gov](mailto:allison.murphy@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Murphy, Fishery Policy Analyst, 978-281-9122, [allison.murphy@noaa.gov](mailto:allison.murphy@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association (AOLA) submitted a complete application requesting Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) on