

or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival:

- No mortality or injury is anticipated or authorized;
- Take is anticipated to be by Level B behavioral harassment only, consisting of brief startling reactions and/or temporary avoidance of the survey area;
- Foraging success is not likely to be significantly impacted as effects on species that serve as prey species for marine mammals from the survey are expected to be minimal and the project area does not overlap any known important feeding areas;
- The availability of alternate areas of similar habitat value will allow marine mammals to temporarily vacate the survey area to avoid exposure to sounds generated by operation of HRG equipment.

- While the survey area is within areas noted as biologically important for migration of the North Atlantic right whale, migration would not be affected since project activities would occur in such a comparatively small area and no takes of right whales are expected or authorized. In addition, mitigation measures will be required to shut down sound sources at 500 m to further minimize any potential for effects to this species; and

- The mitigation measures, including visual monitoring and shutdowns, are expected to minimize potential impacts to marine mammals, particularly in light of the small size of the take zones.

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the monitoring and mitigation measures, NMFS finds that the total marine mammal take from the activity will have a negligible impact on all affected marine mammal species or stocks.

#### Small Numbers

As noted above, only small numbers of incidental take may be authorized under Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA for specified activities other than military readiness activities. The MMPA does not define small numbers and so, in practice, where estimated numbers are available, NMFS compares the number of individuals taken to the most appropriate estimation of abundance of the relevant species or stock in our determination of whether an authorization is limited to small numbers of marine mammals. Additionally, other qualitative factors may be considered in the analysis, such as the temporal or spatial scale of the activities relative to the species.

The numbers of marine mammals that we have authorized for take, for all species and stocks, would be considered small relative to the relevant stocks or populations (less than 3 percent for the bottlenose dolphin Western North Atlantic, southern migratory coastal stock and less than one percent for all other species and stocks proposed for authorization). See Table 7. Based on the analysis contained herein of the activity (including the mitigation and monitoring measures) and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the population sizes of the affected species or stocks.

#### Unmitigable Adverse Impact Analysis and Determination

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action. Therefore, NMFS has determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

#### 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 action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment. Accordingly, NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and analyzed the potential impacts to marine mammals that would result from the project. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in May 2019. A copy of the EA and FONSI is available <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable>.

#### Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat.

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is expected or authorized for this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

#### Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Avangrid for conducting marine site characterization surveys off the Coast of Virginia and North Carolina from June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: June 25, 2019.

**Catherine Marzin,**

*Acting 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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#### Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) District Advisory Panels (DAPs) of Puerto Rico, St. Thomas/St. John and St. Croix, USVI, will hold a one-day meeting in July for each of its panels to discuss the items contained in the agenda **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The meetings will be held as follows:

- DAP/PR—July 30, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Condado Palm Hotel, in Condado, P.R.
- DAP/STT/STJ—July 30, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Windward Passage Hotel, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.
- DAP/STX—July 31, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at The Buccaneer Hotel, St. Croix, U.S.V.I.

#### ADDRESSES:

- The meeting in Puerto Rico will be held at the Condado Palm Hotel, 55 Condado Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- The meeting in St. Thomas will be held at the Windward Passage Hotel, Veterans Drive, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.
- The meeting in St. Croix will be held at The Buccaneer Hotel, 5007 Estate Shoys, Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S.V.I.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Miguel A. Rolón, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz

Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 766–5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Call to Order
- Review and Finalize the Ecosystem Conceptual Models
- Other Business

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Other than the start time, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated. In addition, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: June 25, 2019.

**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

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a webinar-based meeting with its Advisory Panel members and the public to provide information and gather input regarding an upcoming Council Omnibus Framework action that could require electronic reporting of Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs) for all Council-managed commercial fisheries.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 23, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar ([http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/evtr\\_app\\_overview/](http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/evtr_app_overview/)) with a telephone audio connection (provided when connecting). Audio only access via conference phone number: 1–800–832–0736, Room Number: 5765379.

**Council address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526–5255. The Council’s website, [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) also has details on the proposed agenda, webinar access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council is considering requiring electronic reporting of commercial fishery Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs). This action would change the method of transmitting VTRs—the required data elements would not change. Existing regulations requiring that VTRs be completed before arriving at the dock would not change, but the timeline for submitting electronic reports may change. This meeting will provide a review of eVTR applications and gather input from the Council’s commercial fishery advisory panel members and the public in preparation for Council action.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: June 25, 2019.

**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

[0648–XR005]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Notice; availability of a draft Environmental Assessment, Proposed

Evaluation and Pending Determination, and Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received 16 plans for hatchery programs rearing and releasing Chinook salmon, coho salmon, and summer steelhead in the Snake River basin. The plans describe hatchery programs operated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), Nez Perce Tribe (NPT), and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). This document serves to notify the public of the availability and opportunity to comment on a draft Environmental Assessment (EA), four Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs), and three Proposed Evaluation and Determination Documents (PEPDs) on the proposed hatchery programs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific time on July 29, 2019. Comments received after this date may not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Portland, OR 97232. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is:

*Hatcheries.Public.Comment@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on Snake River hatchery programs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emi Kondo at (503) 736–4739 or by email at *emi.kondo@noaa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
  - Snake River Fall-run (*O. tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
  - Snake River Spring/Summer run: threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
  - Snake River Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
  - Snake River Sockeye (*O. nerka*): endangered, naturally and artificially propagated.

#### Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Federal regulations prohibit the “taking” of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term