

hunters that spring, and the passage of Public Law 106–31, section 3022 (later made permanent by Pub. L. 106–553, section 627), requiring any taking of Cook Inlet beluga whales by Alaska Natives to occur pursuant to a cooperative agreement between NMFS and affected Alaska Native organizations. A co-management agreement allowed the harvest of two whales in 2005 and one whale in 2006; however, no whales were taken in 2006 due to poor weather and the avoidance of females with calves. In 2008, NMFS issued regulations (73 FR 60976, October 15, 2008) establishing long-term limits on the maximum number of Cook Inlet beluga whales that may be taken for subsistence by Alaska Natives. These long-term harvest limits, developed for 5-year intervals, require that the abundance estimates reach a minimum 5-year average of 350 belugas (50 CFR 216.23(f)(2)(v)). No hunt has been authorized since 2006.

Subsistence hunting of whales is not known to currently occur in Cook Inlet. Hilcorp's tug towing jack-up rig activities may overlap with subsistence hunting of seals. However, these activities typically occur along the shoreline or very close to shore near river mouths, whereas most of Hilcorp's tugging is in the middle of the Inlet and rarely near the shoreline or river mouths. Any harassment to harbor seals is anticipated to be short-term, mild, and not result in any abandonment or behaviors that would make the animals unavailable to Alaska Natives.

Based on the description of the specified activity, the measures described to minimize adverse effects on the availability of marine mammals for subsistence purposes, and the mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS has determined that there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses from Hilcorp's activities under the Year 1 IHA. Separately, NMFS has also determined that there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses from Hilcorp's activities under the Year 2 IHA.

National Environmental Policy Act

NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and analyzed the potential impacts to marine mammals that would result from the Hilcorp tug towing jack-up rig activity. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed on September 14, 2022. A copy of the EA and FONSI is available upon request.

Endangered Species Act

NMFS authorized take of humpback whales (Mexico DPS, Western North Pacific DPS), fin whales (Northeastern Pacific stock), beluga whales (Cook Inlet stock), and Steller sea lion (Western DPS), which are listed under the ESA. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office Protected Resources Division issued a Biological Opinion on September 9, 2022 under section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA to Hilcorp under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS Permits and Conservation Division. The Biological Opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of these populations, and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat.

Authorization

NMFS has issued two IHAs to Hilcorp for the potential harassment of small numbers of 12 marine mammal species incidental to tugging a jack-up rig in Cook Inlet, Alaska, that include the aforementioned mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8: Fishery Independent Index Development under Changing Survey Design.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8 for Fishery Independent Index Development will consist of a series of webinars, and an in-person workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8 will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Eastern; Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Eastern;

and Friday, November 4, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Eastern. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the SEDAR process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8 meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Office, 4107 West Spruce Street Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; phone: (888) 833–1844.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Program Manager, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free: (866)/SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SEDAR procedural workshops provide an opportunity for focused discussion and deliberation on topics that arise in multiple assessments and are structured to develop best practices for addressing common issues across assessments. The SEDAR Steering Committee agreed that previously completed procedural workshops were effective and that similar workshops should be held to address other issues that affect multiple assessments. Continuing to address such global issues is recognized as important to continuing improvements in efficiency and quality.

The 8th procedural workshop will consider methods of addressing the development for fishery-independent indices of abundance under changing survey designs. Participants will prepare a SEDAR procedures document addressing their recommendations that will be used to guide future SEDAR assessments.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SEDAR office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

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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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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel (Habitat AP).

DATES: The Habitat AP will meet on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meetings will be held in Charleston, SC.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (843) 571-1000.

The meeting is open to the public and will also be available via webinar. Registration is required. Webinar registration, an online public comment form, and briefing book materials will be available two weeks prior to the meeting at: <https://safmc.net/advisory-council-meetings/>.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Habitat AP meeting agenda includes the following: NOAA overview of Deep Water Coral Mapping and Characterization in the South Atlantic Region; review and input on revisions to the Council's Beach Dredge and Fill and Large-Scale Coastal Engineering Policy Statement; initial discussion and guidance on updating the Council's energy policy; and an overview of the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning initiative.

The AP will also receive updates on Renewable Energy (Offshore Wind) Development in the South Atlantic; NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division's Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) 5-year review and EFH consultations over the past year; and other items.

The AP will develop recommendations for consideration by the Council's Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold online and in-person public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and selected advisory committees will meet November 2-8, 2022 in Garden Grove, CA. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Thursday, November 3, 2022, at 8 a.m. Pacific Time (PT), reconvening

at 8 a.m. on Friday, November 4 through Tuesday, November 8, 2022. All meetings are open to the public, except for a Closed Session held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Thursday, November 3, to address national security matters, international negotiations, litigation, or personnel matters including appointments to advisory bodies. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business. The Pacific Council meeting will be held in a hybrid format with remote and in-person participation. The Council's Budget, Legislative, Scientific and Statistical, Enforcement Consultants, Highly Migratory Species, and Groundfish Committee meetings will occur in-person only in Garden Grove. All other advisory entities will meet by webinar only.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Pacific Council and aforementioned Committees will be held at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840; telephone: (714) 750-1234. The Council meetings will be held in-person and online. Specific meeting information, including directions on joining meetings, connecting to the live stream broadcast, and system requirements will be provided in the meeting materials 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: Mr. Merrick Burden, Executive Director, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2418 or (866) 806-7204 toll-free, or access the Pacific Council website, www.pcouncil.org, for the proposed agenda and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The November 2022 meeting of the Pacific Council will be in person and streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m., PT Thursday, November 3, 2022 through Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Broadcasts end when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion for the public is listen-only except that an opportunity for oral public comment will be provided prior to Council Action on each agenda item. Additional information and instructions on joining or listening to the meeting