

Dated: August 21, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XF620**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 21486

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Worldwide Americas, Inc., on behalf of BBC Natural History Unit, 28 Whiteladies Rd, Bristol, UK, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography on Weddell Seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) in Antarctica.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 25, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** These documents are available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Lierheimer or Sara Young, (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.*), the regulations governing the taking and

importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to film Weddell seals at various locations in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, between October and December 2017. Up to 16 Weddell seals (8 mother pup-pairs from birth through weaning) could be targeted and disturbed during filming activities on the sea ice, underwater (scuba divers), and by air (drone). Up to 80 Weddell seals (non-targeted animals in the colony) could be incidentally disturbed during the filming activities. Footage would be used for the BBC television series "Seven Worlds," to showcase Antarctica and will include a segment featuring Weddell seals. The permit would be valid through December 2017.

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: August 18, 2017.

**Julia 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

**RIN 0648-XF623**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team (BS FEP) will meet September 5-7, 2017.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5 through Thursday, September 7, 2017. The meeting will be held on September 5, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; September 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and September 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 4600 Sand Point Way, Building 4, Room 2039, Seattle, WA 98115. It will also be held via teleconference: (907) 271-2896. Listening only for non-team members.

**Council address:** North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Tuesday, September 5-Thursday, September 7*

The BS FEP agenda will consist of continuing to develop the Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan, including (a) review sections of the core FEP document, (b) review progress on action modules, and (c) discuss next steps. A full agenda is available at [www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/conservation\\_issues/BSFEP/BSFEPTagenda917.pdf](http://www.npfmc.org/wp-content/PDFdocuments/conservation_issues/BSFEP/BSFEPTagenda917.pdf) and background information can be found at [www.npfmc.org/bsfep](http://www.npfmc.org/bsfep).

##### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Management Plan for South Slough, Oregon National Estuarine Research Reserve

**AGENCY:** Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approval for the South Slough, Oregon National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan revision.

**SUMMARY:** The notice is hereby given that the Stewardship Division, Office for