

Permit 19559

The AMEC Foster Wheel (AMECFW) is seeking a three-year research permit to annually take juvenile PS Chinook salmon and PS steelhead in the northern Puget Sound. The AMECFW research may also take adult S eulachon, for which there are currently no ESA take prohibitions. The researchers propose to use hydroacoustics to map herring school size and distribution from Point Whitehorn to Sandy Point (Whatcom County; WA). They would then use lampara seine/dip net surveys to confirm the species distribution and abundance information generated by the hydroacoustic surveys. The researchers may encounter a small number of listed salmonids and eulachon as bycatch in the netting/seining operations, but those animals would be released immediately without further handling or sampling. The researchers do not propose to kill any of the listed fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

Permit 19738

The Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is seeking a five-year research permit to annually take juvenile PS Chinook salmon and PS steelhead in streams of northwest Puget Sound. The purpose of the study is to correctly type streams to ensure that riparian habitat buffers and fish passage structures adequately support or improve conditions for aquatic species, including listed salmonids. The WDNR proposes to capture fish using backpack electrofishing equipment. The captured fish would be counted, identified, measured and released. The researchers do not propose to kill any of the listed salmonids being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 3, 2015.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XE303

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific & Statistical Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, beginning at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; phone: (617) 567-6789.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

The Committee will receive an update on the Council's groundfish catch advice project. There will be discussion of the Groundfish performance report as well as an update on progress of the Risk Policy Workgroup—receive a presentation on the draft road map for implementing a risk policy. They will also develop comments for Council consideration on proposed NOAA Fisheries EBFM policy. They will receive an update on Council activities related to EBFM. There will be a discussion on improving control rules for making acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations. They will discuss SSC organizational issues. They will consider other business as needed.

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 listed in this notice and any issues

arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 3, 2015.

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**

RIN 0648-XE305

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

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) River Herring and Shad (RH/S) Committee will hold a public meeting to review recent developments in RH/S conservation and to consider potential RH/S activities for 2016.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar connection details will be available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's River Herring and Shad Committee will meet Monday, November 23, 2015 at 1 p.m. to review