

activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival." In making a negligible impact determination, NMFS considers a number of factors which include, but are not limited to, number of anticipated injuries or mortalities (none of which would be authorized here), number, nature, intensity, and duration of Level B harassment, and the context in which takes occur (for instance, will the takes occur in an area or time of significance for marine mammals, or are takes occurring to a small, localized population?).

As described above, marine mammals would not be exposed to activities or sound levels which would result in injury (for instance, PTS), serious injury, or mortality. Anticipated impacts of survey activities on marine mammals are temporary behavioral changes due to avoidance of the area. All marine mammals in the vicinity of survey operations would be transient as no breeding, calving, pupping, nursing, or haul-outs overlap with the survey area. The closest pinniped haul-outs are 23.5 km (12.7 NM) and 13.7 km (7.4 NM) away on Monomoy Island and Muskeget Island, respectively. Marine mammals approaching the survey area would likely be traveling or opportunistically foraging. The amount of take Cape Wind Associates requested, and NMFS proposes to authorize, is considered small (less than one percent) relative to the estimated populations of 8,987 minke whales, 63,368 Atlantic white-sided dolphins, 89,504 harbor porpoises, 250,000 gray seals, and 99,340 harbor seals. No affected marine mammals are listed under the ESA or considered strategic under the MMPA. Marine mammals are expected to avoid the survey area, thereby reducing exposure and impacts. No disruption to reproductive behavior is anticipated and there is no anticipated effect on annual rates of recruitment or survival of affected marine mammals.

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 mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS preliminarily determines that Cape Wind Associate's survey activities would result in the incidental take of small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment, and that the total taking would have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

Impact on Availability of Affected Species for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

No marine mammal species listed under the ESA are anticipated to occur within the action area. Therefore, section 7 consultation under the ESA is not required.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as implemented by the regulations published by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, NMFS is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to marine mammals and other applicable environmental resources resulting from issuance of a one-year IHA and the potential issuance of additional authorization for incidental harassment for the ongoing project. Upon completion, this EA will be available on the NMFS Web site listed in the beginning of this document.

Dated: September 8, 2011.

James H. Lecky,

*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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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of a workshop.

SUMMARY: The Eight Regional Fishery Management Councils will convene a workshop of representatives of their respective Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs) to examine the approaches being taken around the United States by the Council SSCs in addressing Ecosystems Based Fishery Management (EBFM) issues from biological, economic and social perspectives.

DATES: The workshop will be held Tuesday, October 4 through Thursday, October 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Kingsmill Conference Center, 1010 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185; telephone: (800) 832–5665.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Seagraves at the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 674–2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) requires that each Council maintain and utilize its SSCs to assist in the development, collection, evaluation, and peer review of information relevant to the development and amendment of fishery management plans (FMPs). In addition, the MSA mandates that each SSC shall provide its Council ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, including recommendations for acceptable biological catch (ABC), preventing overfishing, maximum sustainable yield, and achieving rebuilding targets, and reports on stock status and health, bycatch, habitat status, social and economic impacts of management measures, and sustainability of fishing practices.

At its January 2011 meeting, the Council Coordination Committee (a group consisting of the leadership from the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils), recommended that a fourth National SSC Workshop be convened to address ecosystem considerations in the fishery management process as well as to examine how social and economic considerations can be incorporated in both traditional single species and ecosystem based fishery management. Therefore, the purpose of this workshop is to examine the approaches being taken around the United States by the Council SSCs in addressing Ecosystems Based Fishery Management (EBFM) issues from biological, economic and social perspectives.

Proposed agenda items are as follows:

Tuesday, October 4, 2011; 8:30 a.m.— Keynote speaker Dr. Tony Smith CSIRO Australia; 9:30 a.m.—Status report from each SSC on approaches being taken to implement ABCs and providing advice to the Councils on implementing ecosystem based fishery management approaches and the role of social science and economics in the SSC Process; 1:15 p.m.—Plenary Session 1: Broader Context and Tradeoffs/

Integrated Ecosystem Assessments; 5 p.m.—Adjourn Day 1.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 the Workshop will split into two break-out sessions; Ecosystems Breakout: 8:30 a.m.—OFL–ACL continuum; 11 a.m.—Forage species discussion; 2 p.m.—Ecosystems goals and objectives; Social and Economics Breakout: 8:30 a.m.—Role of Social Science in SSC deliberations; 11 a.m.—Role of SSC in providing scientific advice on catch shares; 1 p.m.—Procedural/data issue; 3 p.m.—Recommendations. At 4:30 p.m. the workshop will reconvene in Plenary to discuss results of Breakout Sessions; 5 p.m.—Adjourn Day 2.

Thursday, October 6, 2011; 8:30 a.m.—Continue Plenary discussion of Day 2 breakout sessions; 1 p.m. Develop specific recommendations to Council Coordination Committee; 3:30 p.m. Adjourn.

The agenda items are subject to change, the latest version will be posted at <http://www.fisherycouncils.org>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act)*, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the workshop. Actions 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 Act*, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at (302) 526–5251 at least 5 days prior to the workshop dates.

Dated: September 9, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972* (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the *Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976* (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting will take place: Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces (subsequently referred to as the Task Force).

DATES: Tuesday, October 4, 2011–Wednesday, October 5, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: Crystal City Hyatt Regency, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, Regency E Ballroom.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mail Delivery service through Recovering Warrior Task Force, Hoffman Building II, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332–0021 “Mark as Time Sensitive for October Meeting”. E-mails to rwtf@wso.whs.mil. Denise F. Dailey, Designated Federal Officer; Telephone (703) 325–6640. Fax (703) 325–6710.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is for the Task Force Members to receive briefings on a number of the topic areas listed in the Task Force Charter and to discuss the year's installation visits and business meetings.

Agenda: (Please refer to <http://dtf.defense.gov/rwtf/meetings.html> for the most up-to-date meeting information).

Open to the Public

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

8:30 a.m. Task Force Members After Action Review of FY 2011.

9:30 a.m. Break.

9:45 a.m. Dr. Bernie Rostker.

10:45 a.m. Break.

11 a.m. Veteran's Rehabilitation and Employment.

12 p.m. Break for lunch located in Potomac 4.

1 p.m. Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center.

2 p.m. Break.

2:15 p.m. Quality of Life Foundation.

3:15 p.m. National Military Family Association.

4:15 p.m. Task Force Installation Visit Review.

5 p.m. Closing.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

8:30 a.m. Public Forum.

9 a.m. Wounded Warrior Care and Transition Policy.

10 a.m. Open.

11 a.m. Open.

12 p.m. Break for lunch located in Potomac 4.

1 p.m. Health Affairs.

2 p.m. Gray Team Briefing on TBI management in the Theater.

3 p.m. Department of Labor.

4 p.m. Open.

5 p.m. Closing.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the Department of Defense Task Force on the Care, Management, and Transition of Recovering Wounded, Ill, and Injured Members of the Armed Forces about its mission and functions. If individuals are interested in making an oral statement during the Public Forum time period, a written statement for a presentation of two minutes must be submitted as below and must identify it is being submitted for an oral presentation by the person making the submission. Identification information must be provided and at a minimum must include a name and a phone number. Individuals may visit the Task Force Web site at <http://dtf.defense.gov/rwtf/> to view the Charter. Individuals making presentations will be notified by Friday, September 30, 2011. Oral presentations will be permitted only on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. before the full Task Force. Number of oral presentations will not exceed ten, with one minute of questions available to the Task Force members per presenter. Presenters should not exceed their two minutes.

Written statements in which the author does not wish to present orally may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the Department of Defense Task Force on the Care,