

to 10 total individuals per tow, to determine pre-construction prey composition. Each individual would be measured and weighed to assess relative condition before the stomach is removed. All prey items in the stomach would be identified to the lowest possible identification level, counted, and weighed. Otoliths would be collected from all fish that are sacrificed for biological sampling. Researchers

would take photographs of all species encountered in each tow for verification purposes.

Estimated catch of federally regulated species under this EFP is shown in Table 1. Catch estimates were derived based on survey data from a previous beam trawl survey to evaluate demersal fish and invertebrate communities in and around the South Fork Wind Farm. Researchers do not anticipate catching

any Atlantic cod under this EFP. However, if cod is caught, each individual would be assessed for reproductive stage and spawning condition, and all cod would be sacrificed for biological sampling. No catch would be landed for sale under this EFP, and all individuals (except those sacrificed for biological sampling) would be returned to the water after being processed.

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED CATCH OF FEDERALLY REGULATED SPECIES PER SURVEY TRIP, AND TOTAL ESTIMATED CATCH

Common name	Scientific name	Estimated catch per trip	Estimated total survey catch
Little skate	<i>Leucoraja erinacea</i>	976.9 lb (49.2 kg)	23,444.8 lb (443.1 kg).
Sea scallop	<i>Placopectin magellanicus</i>	754.0 lb (38 kg)	18,095.5 lb (342.0 kg).
Winter skate	<i>Leucoraja ocellata</i>	484.4 lb (25.5 kg)	11,624.5 lb (219.7 kg).
Leucoraja spp. skates (immature)	<i>Leucoraja spp.</i>	132.5 lb (6.7 kg)	3,179.9 lb (60.1 kg).
Winter flounder	<i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>	108.9 lb (5.5 kg)	2,613.8 lb (49.4 kg).
Monkfish	<i>Lophius americanus</i>	96.1 lb (4.8 kg)	2,306.9 lb (43.6 kg).
Spiny dogfish	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	54.0 lb (2.7 kg)	1,296.3 lb (24.5 kg).
Clearnose skate	<i>Raja eglanteria</i>	53.1 lb (2.7 kg)	1,275.2 lb (24.1 kg).
Ocean quahog	<i>Arctica islandica</i>	34.0 lb (1.7 kg)	814.8 lb (15.4 kg).
Yellowtail flounder	<i>Pleuronectes ferruginea</i>	29.3 lb (1.5 kg)	703.7 lb (13.3 kg).
Barndoor skate	<i>Raja laevis</i>	29.1 lb (1.5 kg)	698.4 lb (13.2 kg).
Summer flounder	<i>Paralichthys dentatus</i>	29.1 lb (1.5 kg)	698.4 lb (13.2 kg).
Windowpane	<i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i>	23.8 lb (1.2 kg)	571.4 lb (10.8 kg).
Silver hake	<i>Merluccius bilinearis</i>	15.9 lb (0.8 kg)	381.0 lb (7.2 kg).
Red hake	<i>Urophycis chuss</i>	12.1 lb (0.6 kg)	291.0 lb (5.5 kg).
American lobster	<i>Homarus americanus</i>	11.5 lb (0.6 kg)	275.1 lb (5.2 kg).
Witch flounder	<i>Glyptocephalus cynoglossus</i>	10.6 lb (0.5 kg)	254.0 lb (4.8 kg).
Ocean pout	<i>Macrozdarces americanus</i>	9.5 lb (0.5 kg)	227.5 lb (4.3 kg).
Longfin inshore squid	<i>Doryteuthis pealeii</i>	5.3 lb (0.3 kg)	127.0 lb (2.4 kg).
Scup	<i>Stenotomus chrysops</i>	5.3 lb (0.3 kg)	127.0 lb (2.4 kg).
Butterfish	<i>Pepilus triacanthus</i>	1.5 lb (0.1 kg)	37.0 lb (0.7 kg).
Surf clam	<i>Spisula solidissima</i>	1.5 lb (0.1 kg)	37.0 lb (0.7 kg).
Black sea bass	<i>Centropristis striata</i>	0.4 lb (0 kg)	10.6 lb (0.2 kg).
Haddock	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	0.4 lb (0 kg)	10.6 lb (0.2 kg).
Nudibranch	<i>Nudibrachia spp.</i>	0.4 lb (0 kg)	10.6 lb (0.2 kg).

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and the Advisory Panel will meet via webconference October 2, 2020 through October 16, 2020.

**DATES:** The Council’s Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 and continue through Friday, October 9, 2020. The Council will meet on Friday, October 2, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, October 9, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 8 a.m. on Monday, October 12,

2020 through Friday, October 16, 2020, Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a webconference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1565>.

**Council address:** North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via webconference are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** Connection Information, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; email: [diana.evans@noaa.gov](mailto:diana.evans@noaa.gov); telephone: (907) 271-2809. For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Monday, October 5, 2020 Through Friday, October 9, 2020*

The Advisory Panel agenda will include the following issues:

Bering Sea Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Harvest—Proposed Specifications, Plan Team (PT) Reports  
 Sculpin/Squid Product Types—Final Action  
 Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP)—Initial Review  
 Observer 2021 Annual Deployment Plan (ADP) Plan—Review, Partial Coverage Fishery Monitory Advisory Committee (PCFMAC) Report, Trawl Electronic Monitoring (EM) Report  
 BSAI Halibut Abundance Based Management (ABM)—Initial Review and Discussion Paper  
 Survey Planning—Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC) Report  
 Staff Tasking

Friday, October 2, 2020

The Council agenda will include the following issue. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

BSAI Crab 4 Stocks—Final Specifications, Crab Plan Team Report

Friday, October 9, 2020

The Council agenda will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

All B Reports (Executive Director), NMFS Management, NOAA General Counsel (GC), Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), U.S. Coast Guard, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report in Full  
 AP Report on BSAI and GOA Groundfish Harvest and Sculpin/Squid Types  
 BSAI and GOA Groundfish Harvest—Proposed Specifications, PT Reports  
 Sculpin/Squid Product Types—Final Action

Monday, October 12, 2020 Through Friday, October 16, 2020

The Council agenda will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

AP Report in Full  
 Cook Inlet Salmon FMP—Initial Review  
 Observer 2021 ADP Plan—Review, PCFMAC Report, Trawl EM Report  
 BSAI Halibut ABM—Initial Review and Discussion Paper  
 Survey Planning—AFSC Report  
 Seafood Production Executive Order Committees, New Business, Tasking—Review

#### Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart

phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1565>. For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

#### Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1565>. The Council strongly encourages written public comment for this meeting, to avoid any potential for technical difficulties to compromise oral testimony. The deadline for written comments is September 30, 2020, at 5 p.m. Alaska Time.

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

Dated: September 11, 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction of the Alaska LNG Project in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice; reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is reopening the public comment period on the notice of a proposed incidental harassment authorization (IHA) under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to authorize the taking of marine mammals, by Level A harassment and Level B harassment, incidental to construction of the Alaska LNG Project in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. The comment period for the notice of proposed IHA that published on July 16, 2020 closed on August 17, 2020. NMFS is reopening the public comment period to provide the public with additional time to submit information and to comment on this proposed IHA.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than November 16, 2020. Comments received between the

close of the first comment period on August 17, 2020 and the reopening of the comment period on September 16, 2020 will be considered timely received.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. Written comments should be sent to [ITP.Davis@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Davis@noaa.gov).

**Instructions:** NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-alaska-gasline-development-corporation-liquefied-natural-gas-0> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leah Davis, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On July 16, 2020, we published a notice of proposed incidental harassment authorization to authorize the taking of marine mammals incidental to construction of the Alaska LNG Project in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska (85 FR 43382). The proposed IHA allowed for a 30-day public comment period, which ended on August 17, 2020. On August 14, 2020, we received a request from the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC) requesting a 60-day extension of the comment period. The request indicated that the AEWC required more time to conduct their review and provide comments.

The AEWC reiterates that (1) the Whaling Captains, community members, and the thousands of Alaska Natives who depend on the success of their harvests for their food security will be directly affected by any adverse effects from this project, and that (2) they have a direct stake in ensuring that this project is properly and thoroughly reviewed. Specifically, they note that in addition to other challenges to