

from January 5 to January 28 due to a delay in publication of a notice to the public in the *Arctic Sounder* newspaper. In the notice of proposed IHA (86 FR 70451; December 10, 2021), NMFS described its plan to adopt the Navy's EA, provided our independent evaluation of the document found that it includes adequate information analyzing the effects on the human environment of issuing the IHA. In compliance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations, as well as NOAA Administrative Order 216-6, NMFS has reviewed the Navy's EA and determined it to be sufficient. NMFS adopted that EA and signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on February 4, 2022.

**Endangered Species Act**

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species, in this case with NMFS' Alaska Regional Office (AKRO).

The NMFS Office of Protected Resources (OPR) is authorizing take of

ringed seals, which are listed under the ESA. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office Protected Resources Division issued a Biological Opinion on January 31, 2022, which concluded that the Navy's activities and NMFS' issuance of an IHA are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the Arctic stock of ringed seals. There is no ESA designated critical habitat for ringed seals.

**Authorization**

NMFS has issued an IHA to the Navy for conducting submarine training and testing activities in the ICEX22 Study Area of the Arctic Ocean beginning in February 2022 that includes the previously explained mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements.

Dated: February 4, 2022.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XB792]

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (Permit Nos. 20646-01 and 25885); Courtney Smith, Ph.D. (Permit No. 21143-01); Erin Markin, Ph.D. (Permit No. 23200-01); Carrie Hubard (Permit No. 25900); and Malcolm Mohead (Permit Nos. 19641-03 and 25864); at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit, permit amendment, or permit modification had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to *www.federalregister.gov* and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS, PERMIT AMENDMENTS, AND PERMIT MODIFICATIONS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Issuance date
20646-01	0648-XF213	Morgridge Institute for Research, 330 North Orchard Street, Madison, WI 53715 (Responsible Party: James Thomson, Ph.D.).	82 FR 29053; June 27, 2017.	January 4, 2022.
23200-01	0648-SB500	University of North Carolina, Wilmington, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403 (Responsible Party: Frederick Scharf, Ph.D.).	86 FR 56692; October 12, 2021.	January 24, 2022.
25885	0648-XB610	Peter Thielen, D. Eng., Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, 11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723.	86 FR 67036; November 24, 2021.	January 18, 2022.
21143-01	0648-XF500	Jeremy Kiszka, Ph.D., Florida International University, 3000 NE 151st Street, Marine Science Building, Room 250D, North Miami, FL 33181.	82 FR 31950; July 11, 2017.	January 27, 2022.
25900	0648-XB547	Echo Pictures Ltd., St Nicholas House, 31-34 High Street, Bristol, BS1 2AW, United Kingdom (Responsible Party: Joe Stevens).	86 FR 69622; December 8, 2021.	January 24, 2022.
25864	0648-SB500	Gregg Poulakis, Ph.D., Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 585 Prineville Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33954.	86 FR 56692; October 12, 2021.	January 24, 2022.
19641-03	0648-SB500	Tom Savoy, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371.	86 FR 56692; October 12, 2021.	January 24, 2022.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final

determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to

prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

*Authority:* The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), as applicable.

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**Julia M. 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

[RTID 0648–XB800]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of web conference.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee (PNCIAC) will meet March 2, 2022.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Alaska Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2813>.

*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 video conference are given under

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION,** below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Marrinan, Council staff; phone: (907) 271–2809; email: [sarah.marrinan@noaa.gov](mailto:sarah.marrinan@noaa.gov). For technical support please

contact our admin Council staff, email: [npfmc.admin@noaa.gov](mailto:npfmc.admin@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

The Committee will discuss: (a) March 2022 Board of Fisheries proposals; (b) shifting crab stocks and boundary issues; (c) opilio rebuilding; (d) Bristol Bay Red King Crab discussion papers; (e) bairdi industry preferred size; (f) season start date; (g) elections due in December 2022; and (h) other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2813> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

##### 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/2813>.

##### Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/2813>.

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

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**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

[RTID 0648–XB746]

#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold an online meeting. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The online meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST) or

until business for the day has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto: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. Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2409; email: [kerry.griffin@noaa.gov](mailto:kerry.griffin@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Subcommittee will review the draft update stock assessment for Pacific sardine in preparation for full SSC and Council review at the April 2022 Pacific Council meeting. At its April 2022 meeting, the Pacific Council is scheduled to use the update stock assessment to set harvest specifications and management measures for the 2022–2023 Pacific sardine fishery.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 7, 2022.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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