

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the Renewal IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the 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.

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is proposed for authorization or expected to result from this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

Renewal

NMFS has issued a Renewal IHA to CTJV for the take of marine mammals incidental to conducting pile driving activities at the Thimble Shoal Tunnel in Virginia Beach, Virginia between 16 November 2022 and 15 November 2023.

Dated: November 9, 2022.

Catherine Marzin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XC551]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Marine Planning Committee (MPC) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time 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). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (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: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this online meeting is for the MPC to consider and provide feedback on suitability modeling being conducted by the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). Suitability modeling will be used by BOEM in the process of identifying offshore Wind Energy Areas (WEA) for two Call Areas off the Oregon Coast. Draft WEAs are expected to be identified in late 2022 or early 2023. This meeting will provide an opportunity for MPC members to receive updated information on the data and weighting factors used in the model, and for the MPC to provide feedback to BOEM and NCCOS.

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; (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 9, 2022.

Key Israel Marquez,

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–XC548]

Endangered Species; File No. 22671

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that U.S. Geological Survey, Conte Anadromous Fish Research Laboratory, 1 Migratory Way, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (Responsible Party: Alexander Haro, Ph.D.), has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 22671–02.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or emailed comments must be received on or before December 15, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 22671 mod 4 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 22671 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request

via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Erin Markin, Ph.D., (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 22671-02, issued on January 31, 2020 (85 FR 7978, February 12, 2020), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act 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).

Permit 22671-02 authorizes the permit holder to study the presence, life history, population size, migration, physiology, and passage of wild shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) in the Connecticut River. The permit also authorizes use of captive (non-releasable) shortnose sturgeon for research and enhancement objectives. In research conducted on wild fish, researchers may use gill nets and trawls to capture juvenile and adult/sub-adult shortnose sturgeon to measure, weigh, passive integrated transponder tag (PIT), borescope, genetic tissue and blood sample, and photograph prior to release. A subset of animals may also be anesthetized and receive internal acoustic transmitters. Early life stages (ELS) may be lethally sampled with D-nets and egg mats to document spawning incidence. Up to two juvenile and one adult or sub-adult sturgeon may unintentionally die annually during research activities. The permit holder requests new authorization between the Holyoke Dam to Agawam, Massachusetts to add new objectives and take, including (1) determining the range, ecology, habitat, and recruitment of juvenile shortnose sturgeon life stages; (2) using egg mat and D-net samplers to collect 150 ELS below the Holyoke Dam; (3) capturing up to 200 young-of-year and older juvenile shortnose sturgeon annually using gillnets, mini-trawl, beach seine, and cast-net sampling gear. Up to 175 of these would be PIT tagged, measured, photographed, fin clipped, and weighed, and up to 25 would be anesthetized and internally tagged before being released; (4) capturing up to 50 adult/sub-adult shortnose sturgeon annually, adding procedures, including borescope; PIT tag; measure; photo/video; fin clip (genetic) and weigh. Additionally, up to five of these fish, having expired acoustic transmitters, may also have them surgically

reimplanted under anesthesia; and (5) anesthetizing and implanting acoustic tags in up to 20 adult/sub-adult shortnose sturgeon approaching the Holyoke Dam aggregation; and (6) performing additional procedures, including measure, weigh, PIT tag, photo, genetic tissue sample, and borescope, on up to 20 adult/sub-adult shortnose sturgeon collected under another authority in the Holyoke Dam fish lift. The permit is valid through March 31, 2029.

Dated: November 9, 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

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a one-day in person meeting of its Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore Airport hotel, located at 700 N Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33609; (813) 288-3620.

Registration information for listening in will be available on the Council's website by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the Meetings Tab and selecting Advisory Panel meetings, then CMP AP meeting.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Natasha Mendez-Ferrer, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; natasha.mendez@gulfcouncil.org, telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Thursday

December 1, 2022; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., EST

The meeting will begin with Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from the July 22, 2021 CMP Advisory Panel; and, review of Scope of Work.

The APs will receive a presentation on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Expansion Proposal, and provide recommendations.

The AP will review the Development of Electronic Reporting for the Commercial Coastal Logbook Program, and receive an update on CMP landings and status of Framework Amendment 11. The AP will review draft Framework Amendment 12: Modifications to Gulf King Mackerel Gillnet Fishing Season. The AP will receive an update on Amendment 33: Modifications to Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Allocations and review CMP objectives.

The AP will hold a discussion on AP recommendations on a potential action to prohibit recreational sale of *Gulf Cobia*. The AP will receive Public Comment and discuss any Other Business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be in-person. You may register to listen in to the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the Advisory Panel meeting on the calendar. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid or accommodations should be directed to Kathy Pereira, kathy.pereira@gulfcouncil.org, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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