

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore and Carrie Hubard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to import up to 20 samples annually from each of the following species: ringed seal (*Pusa hispida*), harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*) and gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*); and up to 40 samples annually from killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) from the Swedish Natural History Museums' collections (*i.e.*, collection of beached or accidentally killed animals). The applicant proposes to use stable isotope analysis of bone collagen to investigate the dietary ecology of grey wolves (*Canis lupus*) and killer whales over the past 100 years. By quantifying the contribution of seals to the diet of the predators, the research will study the energy flow between marine and terrestrial ecosystems and pressure on seal populations in Sweden. The permit would be valid for 3 years from the date of issuance.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 30, 2023.

Julia M. Harrison,

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Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public online meeting.

SUMMARY: The Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council's) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold an online meeting to update the Accepted Practices Guidelines for CPS Stock Assessments document. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The SSC CPS Subcommittee's online meeting will be held Friday, September 22, 2023 beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until 12 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The SSC CPS Subcommittee's meeting will be an online meeting. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jessi Doerpinghaus, Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2415.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the SSC CPS Subcommittee's meeting is to update best practices for conducting CPS stock assessments. Recommendations of SSC CPS Subcommittee members will inform the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments in 2024, which is a compilation of guidelines for CPS stock assessment scientists. The full SSC and the Pacific Council will review the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments as recommended by the SSC CPS Subcommittee at the November Pacific Council meeting. The updated version of the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments will be posted on the Pacific Council's website shortly after the meeting.

No management actions will be decided by the SSC CPS Subcommittee. The SSC CPS Subcommittee members' role will be the development of recommendations for consideration by West Coast CPS stock assessment scientists.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas 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 notice 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 intent of the SSC CPS Subcommittee 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.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of hybrid meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Plan Teams will hold a meeting. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 through Friday, September 22, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., PDT.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be hybrid meetings. The in-person component of the meetings will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center in the Traynor Room (2076) and Room 2079, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115. If you plan to attend in-person you need to notify Sara Cleaver (sara.cleaver@noaa.gov) or Diana Stram (diana.stram@noaa.gov) at least two days prior to the meeting (or two weeks prior if you are a foreign national). You will also need a valid U.S. Identification Card. If you are attending virtually, join the meeting online through the link at