

reporting of such taking. Under 50 CFR 217.186(e), issuance of an LOA shall be based on a determination that the level of taking will be consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under these regulations and a determination that the amount of take authorized under the LOA is of no more than small numbers.

NMFS issued a LOA to WesternGeco on October 17, 2023, for the take of marine mammals incidental to a three-dimensional ocean bottom node survey in the Green Canyon and Walker Ridge protraction areas, including approximately 795 lease blocks, effective October 16, 2023, through April 30, 2024. Please see the **Federal Register** notice of issuance (88 FR 72739, October 23, 2023) for additional detail regarding the LOA and the survey activity.

WesternGeco has requested a modification of the April 30, 2024, expiration date, extending it to July 31, 2024, due to survey delays. There are no other changes to WesternGeco's planned activity.

#### Authorization

NMFS has changed the expiration date of the LOA from April 30, 2024, to July 31, 2024. There are no other changes to the LOA as described in the October 23, 2023, **Federal Register** notice of issuance (88 FR 72739): the specified survey activity; estimated take by incidental harassment; and small numbers analysis and determination remain unchanged and are incorporated here by reference.

Dated: April 23, 2024.

#### Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*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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#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Cook Inlet Salmon; Public Outreach Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will hold two in person public meetings and one webinar regarding Amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Salmon

Fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Off Alaska (Salmon FMP). Amendment 16 establishes Federal management for the salmon fishery in the Federal (*i.e.*, EEZ) waters of upper Cook Inlet.

**DATES:** The first meeting will take place on May 15, 2024, in Kenai, Alaska, starting at 5:30 p.m. AKDT and concluding no later than 7:30 p.m. AKDT. The second public meeting will take place on May 16, 2024, in Homer, Alaska, starting at 5:30 p.m. AKDT and concluding no later than 7:30 p.m. AKDT. The webinar will take place on May 22, 2024, starting at 10 a.m. AKDT and concluding no later than 12 p.m. AKDT.

#### ADDRESSES:

- May 15, 2024: Kenai, Alaska
  - Quality Inn—Conference room
  - 10352 Kenai Spur Highway
- May 16, 2024: Homer, Alaska
  - Best Western Bidarka Inn—Upstairs conference room
  - 575 Sterling Highway
- May 22, 2024: Webinar
  - Cook Inlet Public Webinar
  - Wednesday, May 22 · 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
  - Time zone: America/Anchorage
  - Google Meet joining info
  - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qbp-wpqq-mkw>
  - Or dial: (US) +1 929-324-9506 PIN: 148 365 993#

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hadfield, 907-586-7376.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public meetings will be held in Kenai, Homer and via webinar to discuss the permitting, recordkeeping and reporting requirements for commercial drift gillnet salmon fishing in the federally managed Cook Inlet drift EEZ salmon fishery.

In response to a 2016 decision of the Ninth Circuit of Appeals and the 2022 summary judgment opinion of the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska in *United Cook Inlet Drift Association v. NMFS*, beginning in 2024 NMFS is establishing Federal management over all salmon fishing in the EEZ waters of upper Cook Inlet, consistent with all Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requirements. Because NMFS has not previously managed salmon fishing in the Cook Inlet EEZ, NMFS is conducting public meetings to explain the regulatory requirements for fishermen, processors and fish transporter participants and answer questions pertaining to these requirements.

Staff will provide information and the public will have the opportunity to ask questions. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, May 15, 2024, in-person at 5:30 p.m., located at the following address: Kenai Quality Inn, 10352 Kenai Spur Highway, Kenai, Alaska.

- Thursday, May 16, 2024, in-person at 5:30 p.m., located at the following address: Best Western Bidarka Inn, 575 Sterling Highway, Homer, Alaska.

- Wednesday May 22, 2024, virtual webinar at 10 a.m., located at the following address: <https://meet.google.com/qbp-wpqq-mkw>. Registration is not required.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Amy Hadfield, 907-586-7376, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 25, 2024.

#### Everett Wayne Baxter,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Marine Sanctuary Nominations

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. This notice pertains to a requested renewal of the approved collection of information for national marine sanctuary nominations. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to