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Dated: August 24, 2016.

Carrie Selberg,

Acting Director, Office of Habitat Conservation, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE815

Marine Mammals; File Nos. 19315 and 19674

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Center for Coastal Studies, Right Whale Ecology Program, 5 Holway Avenue, P.O. Box 1036, Provincetown, MA 02657 [Responsible Party: Richard Delaney] and Scott Kraus, Ph.D., New England Aquarium, Edgerton Research Lab, Central Wharf, Boston MA 02110 have applied in due form for a permit to take 22 species of cetaceans and pinnipeds, including endangered North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), blue (*B. musculus*), sei (*B. borealis*), bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales, for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 28, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The application 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. 19315 (Center for Coastal Studies) or File No. 19674 (Kraus) from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Sara Young, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 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).

File No. 19315: The applicant requests a five-year scientific research permit to monitor right whale demographics, life history traits, habitat use, and behavior in Atlantic coastal waters from the Mid-Atlantic Bight to the Gulf of Maine. Annually, up to 1,500 right whales would be approached by aircraft for photo-identification and behavioral observation; up to 700 right whales would be approached by vessel for these activities and prey mapping; and up to 10 whales would be suction-cup tagged. Opportunistic sighting data and photographs would be collected for bowhead whales and up to 20 other cetacean and pinniped species and unidentified dolphins and whales could be incidentally harassed and photographed annually during surveys.

File No. 19674: Dr. Kraus requests a five-year scientific research permit to assess, quantify, and track trends in the demographic characteristics of right whales, and to identify, quantify and monitor the long term trends in anthropogenic impacts on the species. Up to 500 right whales would be approached annually by vessel or aircraft for photo-identification, behavioral observation, and blow and fecal sampling; up to 50 additional non-neonate whales would be photographed and biopsy sampled annually. Biological samples from up to 50 whales could be received, imported or exported

annually. During vessel surveys up to 20 animals of each species of humpback whales, fin whales, harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) and Atlantic white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*) could be incidentally harassed annually.

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 activities proposed are 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 applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 18, 2016.

Nicole R. Le Boeuf,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE847

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet September 12-20, 2016. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 10 a.m., reconvening at 8 a.m. each day through Tuesday, September 20, 2016. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Thursday, September 15 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Riverside Hotel, 2900 Chinden Blvd., Boise, ID 83714; telephone: (208) 343-1871.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE

Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. Instructions for attending the meeting via live stream broadcast are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820-2280 or (866) 806-7204 toll-free; or access the Pacific Council Web site, <http://www.pcouncil.org> for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The September 15–20, 2016 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 11 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) Thursday, September 15, 2016 and continue at 8 a.m. daily through Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

Broadcasts end daily at 6 p.m. PT or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Pacific Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online please use the following link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> and enter the September Webinar ID, 132-423-419 and your email address. You can attend the webinar online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio portion only of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the toll number 1-213-929-4212 (not a toll-free number), audio access code 447-457-678, and enter the audio pin shown after joining the webinar.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as “Final Action” refer to actions requiring the Council to transmit a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, advisory entity meeting times, and meeting rooms are described in Agenda Item A.5, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance September 2016 briefing materials and posted on the Council Web site at www.pcouncil.org.

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks

2. Council Member Appointments
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Approve Agenda
- B. Open Comment Period
 1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items
- C. Habitat
 1. Current Habitat Issues
- D. Ecosystem-Based Management
 1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan
 - Coordinated Ecosystem Indicator Review Initiative
 2. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management Roadmap
- E. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
 1. Minimum Stock Size Thresholds Report
 2. Stock Assessment Workshop Report
 3. Anchovy Management Update
 4. Artisanal Fishery Management Issue Scoping
- F. Groundfish Management
 1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
 2. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection
 3. 2017–18 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures Rulemaking Update and Clarifications
 4. Scoping of Trawl Sector Quota Pounds Trading
 5. 5-Year Catch Share Program and Intersector Allocation Review Update
 6. Inseason Management Final Action
 7. Amendment 21 At-Sea Sector Set-Asides Final Action
 8. Mid-Biennium Annual Catch Limit Adjustment and Rebuilding Harvest Rate Adjustment Policies
- G. Administrative Matters
 1. Legislative Matters
 2. West Coast Regional Operating Agreement Initial Review
 3. Fiscal Matters
 4. Approval of Council Meeting Record
 5. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
 6. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning
- H. Salmon Management
 1. Salmon Methodology Review
 2. Sacramento River Winter Chinook Harvest Control Rule Update
- I. Pacific Halibut Management
 1. 2017 Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulation Changes
- J. Highly Migratory Species Management
 1. Update on International Issues
 2. Exempted Fishing Permits
 3. Biennial Harvest Specifications and Management Measures
 4. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permit Criteria to Advance Gear Authorization
 5. Federal Drift Gillnet Permit Amendment

Advisory Body Agendas

Advisory body agendas will include discussions of relevant issues that are

on the Council agenda for this meeting, and may also include issues that may be relevant to future Council meetings. Proposed advisory body agendas for this meeting will be available on the Council Web site <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-briefing-book/> no later than Wednesday, August 31, 2016.

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS

<i>Day 1—Monday, September 12, 2016</i>	
SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee	9 a.m.
<i>Day 2—Tuesday, September 13, 2016</i>	
SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee	9 a.m.
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	1 p.m.
Ecosystem Workgroup	1 p.m.
<i>Day 3—Wednesday, September 14, 2016</i>	
Coastal Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Coastal Species Management Team	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Habitat Committee	8:30 a.m.
Ecosystem Advisory Subpanel	9 a.m.
Ecosystem Workgroup	9 a.m.
Legislative Committee	1 p.m.
Budget Committee	2:30 p.m.
<i>Day 4—Thursday, September 15, 2016</i>	
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team	8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel ...	8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	3 p.m.
<i>Day 5—Friday, September 16, 2016</i>	
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel ...	8 a.m.
Sacramento River Winter Chinook Workgroup	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc
<i>Day 6—Saturday, September 17, 2016</i>	
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF ANCILLARY MEETINGS— Continued

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc
<i>Day 7—Sunday, September 18, 2016</i>	
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc
<i>Day 8—Monday, September 19, 2016</i>	
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel	8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team	8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants	Ad hoc
<i>Day 9—Tuesday, September 20, 2016</i>	
California State Delegation ...	7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation	7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation	7 a.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 24, 2016.

Jeffrey N. Lonergan,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB)

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB). OEAB members will discuss and provide advice on Federal ocean exploration programs, with a particular emphasis on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) activities; federal ocean exploration partners, including the Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research, and Technology, the Office of Naval Research, and NOAA's Integrated Ocean Observing System program; advising NOAA on out-year budget development with respect to ocean exploration; and other matters as described in the agenda found on the OEAB Web site at <http://oeab.noaa.gov>.

TIME AND DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. EDT, and Wednesday, September 14, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Boeing Company, 929 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public with a 30 minute public comment period on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EDT (please check the agenda on the Web site to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Dial-in information may be found on the meeting agenda posted to the OEAB Web site.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by September 1, 2016 to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after September 1, 2016 will be distributed to

the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer (see below) by September 1, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

Dated: August 24, 2016.

Jason Donaldson,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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