

Sector use case. These descriptions will be public information.

Under the terms of the consortium CRADA, NIST will support development of interfaces among participants' products by providing IT infrastructure, laboratory facilities, office facilities, collaboration facilities, and staff support to component composition, security platform documentation, and demonstration activities.

The dates of the demonstration of the Securing Property Management Systems for the Hospitality Sector capability will be announced on the NCCoE Web site at least two weeks in advance at <http://nccoe.nist.gov/>. The expected outcome of the demonstration is to improve Securing Property Management Systems across an entire Hospitality Sector enterprise. Participating organizations will gain from the knowledge that their products are interoperable with other participants' offerings.

For additional information on the NCCoE governance, business processes, and NCCoE operational structure, visit the NCCoE Web site <http://nccoe.nist.gov/>.

**Kevin Kimball,**  
*NIST Chief of Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Citizen Science Advisory Panel Projects/Topics Management Action Team via webinar.

**DATES:** The Projects/Topics Management Action Team meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 3 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes. Additional Action Team webinar and plenary webinar dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:**

**Meeting address:** The meeting will be held via webinar and are open to members of the public. Webinar registration is required and registration links will be posted to the Citizen Science program page of the Council's Web site at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net).

**Council address:** South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amber Von Harten, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8433 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [amber.vonharten@safmc.net](mailto:amber.vonharten@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council created a Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool in June 2017. The Council appointed members of the Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool to five Action Teams in the areas of *Volunteers, Data Management, Projects/Topics Management, Finance, and Communication/Outreach/Education* to develop program policies and operations for the Council's Citizen Science Program.

The Action Team will meet to continue work on developing recommendations on program policies and operations to be reviewed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee. Public comment will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting.

Items to be addressed during these meetings:

1. Discuss work on tasks in the Terms of Reference
2. Other Business

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: November 17, 2017.

**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

#### Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of applications for permit amendments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the permit holders listed below have applied for an amendment to their Scientific Research Permits.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 26, 2017.

**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 home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting the File No. 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](mailto: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 the application(s) would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendments to the permits listed below are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act 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 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).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that

a permit had been issued to the below-named permit holders. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application, notice of

issuance, and a complete description of the research, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

File No.	RIN	Permit holder	Federal Register notice of issuance	Permit issuance date
14450 .....	0648–XS35	NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (Responsible Party: Bonnie Ponwith, Ph.D.), 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149.	79 FR 13042; March 7, 2014 .....	March 4, 2014.
14856 .....	0648–XB157	Bruce R. Mate, Ph.D., Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365.	78 FR 3346; January 21, 2014 ...	February 25, 2014.
16239 .....	0648–XC268	Dan Engelhaupt, Ph.D., HDR, 5700 Lake Wright Drive, Norfolk, VA 23502.	78 FR 60852; October 2, 2013 ...	September 11, 2013.
17312 .....	0648–XC268	Scripps Institution of Oceanography, (Responsible Party: John Hildebrand, Ph.D.), University of California, 8635 Discovery Way, La Jolla, CA 92093.	78 FR 60852; October 2, 2013 ...	September 11, 2013.
18636 .....	0648–XE075	Iain Kerr, D.H.L., Ocean Alliance, 32 Horton Street, Gloucester, MA 01930.	81 FR 13342; March 14, 2016 ....	February 17, 2016.

The permit holders are requesting amendments to their respective permits to authorize take of the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*) due to NMFS' proposed rule to list this subspecies as endangered under the ESA (81 FR 88639). Combined, the permits currently authorize the following research activities for the species: manned and unmanned aerial surveys and vessel-based surveys for passive acoustic recordings, above and underwater photography and videography, photo-identification, behavioral observations, biological sampling (feces, sloughed skin, exhaled air, and skin and blubber biopsy), tracking, and tagging (suction-cup, dart/barb, and implantable). The permit holders seek to amend their permits to add dedicated takes for the Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whale using these methods should NMFS list the species under the ESA. Details of specific methods and take numbers are available in each application for amendment. The amended permits would be valid through the respective permit's current expiration date.

If the proposed ESA listing becomes final, the Permits and Conservation Division proposes to conditionally authorize the take of Gulf of Mexico Bryde's whales so that no more than the entire population (currently estimated at 33 whales) may be taken annually by methods that may result in Level A harassment (mainly biopsy and tagging) across all permits combined. Authorized takes may be re-authorized and reallocated among permits on an annual or other specified basis after evaluating the status of the species, management needs, researchers' plans, and reported takes by permit holders during the prior year.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that an environmental assessment (EA) is the appropriate level of analysis for these actions. A batched EA is being prepared to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit amendments.

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

Dated: November 17, 2017.

**Julia 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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### Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council will hold its 161st meeting in December to discuss the items contained in the agenda in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on December 12–13, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Marriott Resort San Juan Stellaris Casino Hotel, 1309 Ashford Avenue, Condado, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 766–5926.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### December 12, 2017, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 160th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- Executive Director's Report
  - Status of the Caribbean Fisheries after the storms Irma and María
  - Puerto Rico
  - U.S. Virgin Island
- Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting Report—Richard Appeldoorn
- Island-based Fishery Management Plans: Review of “Final” Draft Environmental Impact Statement Draft Actions and Alternatives for Each Island Group
  - Action 1: Species to Manage
  - Action 2: Species Groupings
  - Action 3: Reference Points
  - Action 4: Essential Fish Habitat for Stocks Not Previously Managed in Federal Waters
  - Action 5: Framework Measures
  - Next Steps/Timeline Review
- Ecosystem-based Fishery Management
  - Roadmap Implementation Plan Status Report
  - Update on Fishery Ecosystem Plan Development
- Other Business