

further prohibited take and ensure MMPA compliance. Bay State Wind may not resume their activities until notified by NMFS.

(ii) In the event that Bay State Wind discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead PSO determines that the cause of the injury or death is unknown and the death is relatively recent (e.g., in less than a moderate state of decomposition), Bay State Wind shall immediately report the incident to the NMFS Office of Protected Resources ((301) 427-8400) and the NMFS Northeast Stranding Coordinator ((866) 755-6622). The report must include the same information identified in condition 6(b)(i) of this IHA. Activities may continue while NMFS reviews the circumstances of the incident. NMFS will work with Bay State Wind to determine whether additional mitigation measures or modifications to the activities are appropriate.

(iii) In the event that Bay State Wind discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead PSO determines that the injury or death is not associated with or related to the specified activities (e.g., previously wounded animal, carcass with moderate to advanced decomposition, or scavenger damage), Bay State Wind shall report the incident to the NMFS Office of Protected Resources ((301) 427-8400) and the NMFS Northeast Stranding Coordinator ((866) 755-6622), within 24 hours of the discovery. Bay State Wind shall provide photographs or video footage or other documentation of the sighting to NMFS.

7. This Authorization may be modified, suspended or withdrawn if the holder fails to abide by the conditions prescribed herein, or if NMFS determines the authorized taking is having more than a negligible impact on the species or stock of affected marine mammals.

Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our analyses, the draft authorization, and any other aspect of this Notice of Proposed IHA for the proposed marine site characterization surveys. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-year renewal IHA without additional notice when (1) another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the Specified Activities section is planned, or (2) the activities would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and renewal would allow completion of the activities beyond that described in the Dates and Duration

section, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to expiration of the current IHA.

- The request for renewal must include the following:

- (1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted beyond the initial dates either are identical to the previously analyzed activities or include changes so minor (e.g., reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, take estimates, or mitigation and monitoring requirements; and

- (2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized;

- Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures remain the same and appropriate, and the original findings remain valid.

Dated: May 10, 2018.

Elaine T. Saiz,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Evaluate State Coastal Management Program.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold a public meeting to solicit comments on the performance evaluation of the California Coastal Commission, part of the California Coastal Management Program.

DATES: *California Coastal Commission Evaluation:* The public meeting will be held on June 11, 2018, and written comments must be received on or before June 22, 2018.

For specific dates, times, and locations of the public meetings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the program or reserve NOAA intends to evaluate by any of the following methods:

Public Meeting and Oral Comments: A public meeting will be held in Long Beach, California. For the specific location, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Written Comments: Please direct written comments to Carrie Hall, Evaluator, Planning and Performance Measurement Program, Office for Coastal Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, N/OCM1, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or email comments *Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Hall, Evaluator, Planning and Performance Measurement Program, Office for Coastal Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, N/OCM1, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or *Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov*. Copies of the previous evaluation findings and 2016–2020 Assessment and Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved state and territorial coastal programs. The process includes one or more public meetings, consideration of written public comments and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the state has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is completed, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

Specific information on the periodic evaluation of the state and territorial coastal program that is the subject of this notice is detailed below as follows:

California Coastal Commission Evaluation

You may participate or submit oral comments at the public meeting scheduled as follows:

Date: June 11, 2018.

Time: 7:00 p.m., local time.

Location: Ocean Theater Auditorium, Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Written public comments must be received on or before June 22, 2018.

Dated: May 1, 2018.

Keelin Kuipers,

Acting Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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 public meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet in June, in Kodiak, AK.

DATES: The meetings will be held June 4 through June 11, 2018. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The Council meeting will be held at the Kodiak Harbor Convention Center, 236 Rezanof Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615. The SSC will meet at the Kodiak Best Western, 236 Rezanof Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615. The AP will meet at the Elks Lodge, 102 W Marine Way, Kodiak, AK 99615.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone (907) 271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the Pavilion Room, Kodiak Convention Center on Wednesday, June 6, continuing through Monday, June 11, 2018. The Scientific and Statistical

Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the Harbor Room, Kodiak Best Western on Monday, June 4 and continue through Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. at the Elks Lodge on Tuesday, June 5, and continue through Friday, June 8, 2018. The Ecosystem Committee will meet in the Stellar Room, Kodiak Convention Center on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Enforcement Committee will meet in the Katurwik Room, Kodiak Convention Center on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The IFQ Outreach Meeting will be held in the Pavilion Room, Kodiak Convention Center on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Monday, June 4, 2018 through Monday, June 11, 2018

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

- (1) Executive Director's Report (including CCC update, February 2018 Ecosystem Workshop report, *Turning the Tide* report)
- (2) NMFS Management Report (including EFH consultation report, update on decksorting regulatory analysis, draft EM policy directive)
- (3) NOAA General Counsel
- (4) NOAA Enforcement Report
- (5) ADF&G Report
- (6) USCG Report
- (7) USFWS Report
- (8) Protected Species Report
- (9) 2017 Observer Annual Report and OAC Report
- (10) EM Workgroup Report
- (11) ABC/OFL Specifications for Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab, and Crab Plan Team Report
- (12) Fixed gear CV rockfish retention
- (13) Halibut retention in BSAI pots
- (14) BSAI Pacific cod trawl CV analysis
- (15) GOA pollock, cod seasons/allocations
- (16) GOA Tanner crab observer/effort data
- (17) Self-guided halibut rental boats
- (18) Social Science Planning Team—Report
- (19) Community engagement draft committee scope and ideas for RFP
- (20) Kuskokwim River model review for 3 river index
- (21) BSAI Halibut ABM evaluation methodology
- (22) BSAI Halibut O26 performance standard
- (23) Research priorities for 2018
- (24) Staff Tasking

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) 2017 Observer Annual Report and OAC Report
- (2) ABC/OFL Specifications for Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab, and Crab Plan Team Report
- (3) Fixed gear CV rockfish retention
- (4) Kuskokwim River model review for 3 river index
- (5) Ecosystem Workshop report
- (6) Social Science Planning Team—Report
- (7) Community engagement draft committee scope and ideas for RFP
- (8) Research priorities for 2018
- (9) BSAI Halibut ABM evaluation methodology
- (10) BSAI Halibut O26 performance standard

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Councils primary peer review panel for scientific information as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The Ecosystem Committee agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Review Report from February 2018 Ecosystem Workshop
- (2) Review Conservation Plan for the Northern Fur Seal
- (3) Receive information on US Army Corps of Engineers projects
- (4) Receive update on NOAA's bathymetric data projects

The Enforcement Committee agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) Rockfish retention
- (2) Halibut in pots
- (3) Scheduling and other issues

The IFQ Outreach meeting agenda will include the following issues:

- (1) 20-Year Program Review related to entry level and rural participation
- (2) Update on Council requests for IFQ fishery discussion papers
- (3) Listening session and open forum
- (4) Stakeholder feedback on IFQ fishery and entry-level/rural opportunities

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either electronically at: comments.npfmc.org