

Section 103 of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–360). The Committee is composed of members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their established records of distinguished service in their professional community, their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and to reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- the effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities;
- any need to revise NEHRP; and
- the management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will hold an open meeting on Monday, August 18, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time and Tuesday, August 19, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time. The meeting will be held in the entry-level conference room 204 at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), 1711 Illinois Street, in Golden, Colorado 80401. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss priorities of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) for optimal NEHRP agency interactions with researchers and practitioners in other natural and man-made hazards disciplines and in the broader resilience environment, to review the NEHRP agency updates on their latest activities, and to gather information for the Committee's 2015 Report on the Effectiveness of the NEHRP. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On August 19, 2014, approximately one-half hour will be reserved near the conclusion of the meeting for public comments, and speaking times will be

assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about three minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the ACEHR, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604, via fax at (301) 975–4032, or electronically by email to info@nehrrp.gov.

All visitors to the USGS site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, August 14, 2014, in order to attend. Please submit your full name, email address, and phone number to Felicia Johnson, Ms. Johnson's email address is felicia.johnson@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975–5324.

Dated: July 25, 2014.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director of Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Electronic Monitoring (EM) workgroup will meet by teleconference.

DATES: The teleconference will be held on August 13, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., please call (907) 271–2896.

ADDRESSES: The teleconference will be held at the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workgroup will discuss progress with

study designs, establishing data protocols, EM research and field studies, and planning for the analysis to implement EM.

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

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271–2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 29, 2014.

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

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Pacific Island Fisheries; Marine Conservation Plan for Pacific Insular Areas; Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund

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

ACTION: Notice of agency decision.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces approval of a Marine Conservation Plan (MCP) for Pacific Insular Areas other than American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATES: This agency decision is effective from August 4, 2014, through August 3, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the MCP, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2014–0092, from the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2014-0092, or from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, 808–522–8220, www.wpcouncil.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jarad Makaiau, Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 808–725–5176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 204(e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce

(Secretary) and in consultation with the Council, to negotiate and enter into a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement (PIAFA). A PIAFA would allow foreign fishing within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) adjacent to any Pacific Insular Area other than American Samoa, Guam or the Northern Mariana Islands, that is, in the EEZ around the Pacific remote island areas (PRIA). The PRIA are Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Island, Wake Island, and Palmyra Atoll. Before entering into a PIAFA for the PRIA, the Council must develop a 3-year MCP providing details on uses for any funds collected by the Secretary under the PIAFA.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires any payments received under a PIAFA, and any funds or contributions received in support of conservation and management objectives for the PRIA, to be deposited into the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund (Fund) for use by the Council. Additionally, amounts received by the Secretary attributable to fines and penalties imposed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act for violations by foreign vessels occurring within the EEZ off any PRIA are also deposited into the Fund for use by the Council.

An MCP must be consistent with the Council's fishery ecosystem plans, must identify conservation and management objectives (including criteria for determining when such objectives have been met), and must prioritize planned marine conservation projects. Although no foreign fishing is being considered at this time, at its 160th meeting held June 24–27, 2014, the Council approved an MCP for Pacific Insular Areas other than American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. On July 7, 2014, the Council submitted the MCP to NMFS for review and approval.

The MCP contains five conservation and management objectives, listed below. Please refer to the MCP for planned projects and activities designed to meet each objective, the evaluative criteria, and priority rankings.

MCP Objectives

1. Support quality research and monitoring to obtain the most complete scientific information available to assess and manage fisheries within an ecosystem approach.
2. Conduct education and outreach to foster good stewardship principles and broad and direct public participation in the Council's decision-making process.
3. Promote regional cooperation to manage domestic and international fisheries.

4. Encourage development of technologies and methods to achieve the most effective level of monitoring, control and surveillance, and to ensure safety at sea.

5. Support Western Pacific community demonstration projects and Western Pacific Community Development Program to promote participation and access to fisheries for eligible communities.

The MCP also identifies additional objectives and activities consistent with the Hawaii Archipelago FEP and Pelagics FEP. Section 204(e)(7)(C) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act authorizes the Council to use the Fund to meet conservation and management objectives in the State of Hawaii.

This notice announces that NMFS has determined that the MCP satisfies the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and approves the MCP for the 3-year period from August 4, 2014, through August 3, 2017. This MCP supersedes the one approved for the period August 4, 2011 through August 3, 2014 (76 FR 50183, August 12, 2011).

Dated: July 28, 2014.

James P. Burgess,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File Nos. 14097 and 16479

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 14097–03 has been issued to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) (Responsible Party: Lisa Ballance, Ph.D.), Protected Resources Division, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 and a major amendment to Permit No. 16479–01 has been issued to The Pacific Whale Foundation (PWF) (Responsible Party: Gregory Kaufman), 300 Maalaea Road, Suite 211, Wailuku, HI 96793.

ADDRESSES: The permit amendments and related documents are available for

review 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Courtney Smith, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 2, 2014 and January 10, 2014, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 18527 and 79 FR 1833) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 14097–03 and an amendment to Permit No. 16479–01, respectively, to conduct research on 57 cetacean species, including endangered Hawaiian insular false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), had been submitted by the above-named applicants. The requested permit amendments have been issued 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 (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).

Permit No. 14097–04 authorizes the SWFSC to conduct scientific research on 5 pinniped species, 57 cetacean species, and 5 sea turtle species in U.S. territorial and international waters of the Pacific, Southern, Indian, and Arctic Oceans for three projects. Cetacean surveys are conducted to determine the abundance, distribution, movement patterns, and stock structure of cetaceans. These studies are conducted through vessel surveys, aerial surveys, small plane photogrammetry, photo-identification (from vessels and small boats), biological sampling, radio tagging, and satellite tagging. The amendment to the permit authorizes: (1) The use of an unmanned aerial system (UAS) to photograph cetaceans during aerial surveys; (2) collect breath samples from gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) using the UAS; (3) suction cup tag gray whales; and (4) attach dart/barb tags to 15 bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*) and 15 Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*) per year. The permit amendment is valid through June 30, 2015.

Permit No. 16479–02 authorizes vessel-based research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in waters around Maui, Hawaii to quantify the potential for near misses between vessels and humpback whales, and