

### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the take of marine mammals incidental to construction of the East Span of the SF-OBB and made Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on November 4, 2003 and August 5, 2009. Due to the modification of part of the demolition of the original SFOBB using controlled implosion and the associated mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS prepared an SEA and analyzed the potential impacts to marine mammals that would result from the modification. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed in September 2015. A copy of the EA and FONSI is available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

#### Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to CALTRANS for the potential harassment of small numbers of four marine mammal species incidental to the SFOBB Pier E3 demolition via controlled implosion in San Francisco Bay, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: September 18, 2015.

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Western 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 and hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Guam Mariana Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet on Friday, October 9, 2015, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. All

times listed are local island times. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP will meet at the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association Lanai in Hagatna, Guam.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Schedule and Agenda for the Guam Mariana Archipelago FEP AP Meeting

*Friday, October 9, 2015, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.*

1. "Hafa Adai" Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of the Agenda
3. Issues to be discussed at 164th Council Meeting
  - A. Upcoming Council Action Items
    - i. Specification of Territorial Bottomfish Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
    - ii. 2016 Territorial Bigeye Tuna Catch Limit Specifications
    - iii. Council review of Mariana FEP and Proposed Changes
  - B. Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam Community Activities
4. Mariana Archipelago FEP-Guam Issues
  - A. Report of the Subpanels
    - i. Island Fisheries Subpanel
    - ii. Pelagic Fisheries Subpanel
    - iii. Ecosystems and Habitat Subpanel
    - iv. Indigenous Fishing Rights Subpanel
  - B. Other Issues
5. Public Hearing
6. Discussion and Recommendations
7. "At the end of the day" Other Business

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: September 21, 2015.

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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.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific & Statistical Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015, beginning at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, October 14, 2015, beginning at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903; phone: (401) 421-0700; fax: (401) 455-3050.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Agenda

*Tuesday, October 13, 2015*

The Committee will review information provided by the Council's Scallop PDT and recommend the overfishing levels (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABC) for Atlantic sea scallops for fishing years 2016 and 2017.

The Committee will also review recent stock assessment information from the 2015 Groundfish Operational Assessments updates and information provided by the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) and recommend the overfishing levels (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for all groundfish stocks (except for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder) managed under the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan for fishing years 2016-18.

*Wednesday, October 14, 2015*

The Committee will continue to review information on and develop