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Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 516A(c)(1), 735(d), 736(a) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: May 18, 2015.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD953

Marine Mammals; File No. 19108

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Daniel P. Costa, Ph.D., University of California at Santa Cruz, Long Marine Laboratory, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) throughout their range.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before June 26, 2015.

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. 19108 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 File No. 19108 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 Sloan or Brendan Hurley, (301) 427-8401.

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

The applicant requests authorization to continue a long-term research program started in 1968 to study northern elephant seal population growth and status, reproductive strategies, behavioral and physiological adaptations for diving and fasting, general physiology and metabolism, and sensory physiology. Research methods include behavioral observations, marking, flipper tagging, capture and sampling, attachment of instrumentation for tracking, translocation studies, short-term captive holding for laboratory studies, use of hormone challenges and standard clinical tracer techniques for physiology studies, and acoustic studies. Research would include all age and sex classes of northern elephant seals over the entire calendar year. Proposed research locations include haul-out sites from California to Washington, but primarily Año Nuevo. Incidental harassment and mortalities of northern elephant seals, and incidental harassment of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), and Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) of the Eastern Distinct Population Segment is requested. The duration of the requested permit is five years.

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 activity proposed is 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 application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: May 19, 2015.

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

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Addendum

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its 119th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and its 163rd Council meeting to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region. The Council will also convene meetings of the Pelagic and International Standing Committee, Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee (FDCRC), Hawaii Standing Committee, and Executive and Budget Standing Committee. The omnibus amendment to establish the Pacific Islands annual catch limit specification process (action item) has been added to the 163rd meeting under 6.C.3.

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 9-11, 2015. The Council's Pelagic and International Standing Committee and the FDCRC meetings will be held between 10 a.m. and noon on June 15, 2015; Hawaii Standing Committee meeting will be held between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on June 15, 2015; Executive and Budget Standing Committee meeting will be held between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on June 15, 2015; and the 163rd Council meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 16-18, 2015. In addition, the Council will host a Fishers Forum on June 17, 2015, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Location: The 119th SSC on June 9-11, 2015, and the Pelagic and International Standing Committee, FDCRC, Hawaii Standing Committee, and Executive and Budget Standing Committee on June 15, 2015, will be held at the Council office in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Council Meeting on June 16-18, 2015, and the Fishers Forum on

June 17, 2015, will be held at the Harbor View Center, Pier 38, Honolulu, Hawaii.

For specific times and agendas, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The 119th SSC, Pelagic and International Standing Committee, FDCRC, Hawaii Standing Committee, and Executive and Budget Standing Committee will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, phone: (808)522-8220. The 163rd Council meeting and the Fishers Forum will be held at the Harbor View Center, Pier 38, 1129 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817, phone: (808)983-1200.

Background documents will be available from, and written comments should be sent to, Mr. Edwin Ebisui, Chair, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii HI 96813, phone: (808)522-8220 or fax: (808)522-8226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, phone (808)522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to the agenda items listed here, the SSC and Council will hear recommendations from Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agendas. 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 119th SSC Meeting

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2015

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of the 118th SSC Meeting Recommendations
4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director
5. Insular Fisheries
 - A. Review of the Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update for American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
 - B. Report on the Data Workshop for the MHI Deep 7 Bottomfish
 - C. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Deep 7 Bottomfish P-Star Working Group Report
 - D. Specification of Acceptable Biological Catch for the MHI Deep 7 Bottomfish Fishery for Fishing Year 2015–2016 (Action Item)
 - E. Evaluation of 2014 Catch to the 2014 Annual Catch Limits
 - F. Report From the Council Advisory Groups
 1. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
 2. Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee—Technical

- Committee
3. Advisory Panel
- G. Public Comment
- H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
6. Program Planning
 - A. Overview of Management Strategy Evaluation Use in Fisheries
 - B. Report on SSC Subgroup Comments NS1, 3, and 7 Guidelines Proposed Rule
 - C. Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council 5-year Research Priorities
 - D. Annual Report Changes
 - E. Cooperative Research Priorities and Framework
 - F. Report from the Council Advisory Groups
 1. Advisory Panel
 2. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
 3. Pelagic Plan Team
 - G. Public Comment
 - H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2015

7. Pelagic Fisheries
 - A. Hawaii Yellowfin and Bigeye Commercial Minimum Size Limit
 1. Hawaii Yellowfin Population Model
 2. Hawaii Yellowfin Survey Plan
 - B. Report on Hawaii Catch Shares Meeting
 - C. International Fisheries
 1. Report on Purse Seine Bigeye Tuna (BET) Workshop
 2. Report on Longline Vessel Day Scheme (VDS)
 3. Report on Tokelau Agreement
 - D. Report from the Council Advisory Groups
 1. Pelagic Plan Team
 2. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
 3. Advisory Panel
 - E. Public Comment
 - F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
8. Protected Species
 - A. Green Sea Turtle Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - B. Humpback Whale Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - C. Marine Mammals Reported under Catch Lost to Predators on Fishermen's Commercial Catch Reports to the State of Hawaii
 - D. Pilot Study of Interactions between Cetaceans and Small-Boat Fishing Operations in the Main Hawaiian Islands
 - E. Report of the False Killer Whale Take Reduction Team Meeting
 - F. Statistical Control Chart Approach for Wildlife Monitoring
 - G. Report of SSC Subcommittee on False Killer Whale Stock Boundary

- Revision and Bycatch Proration
- H. Updates on Other Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act Actions
- I. Report From the Council Advisory Groups
 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
 2. Advisory Panel
 3. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
- J. Public Comment
- K. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2015

9. Other Business
 - A. 120th SSC Meeting
10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council

Schedule and Agenda for the FDCRC

10 a.m.–Noon Monday, June 15, 2015

1. Welcome Remarks
2. Introductions
3. Update on Previous FDCRC Recommendations
4. Report on FDCRC-Technical Committee
 - a. Prioritization of Tasks
 - b. Endorsement of Proposals for Funding
 - c. Funding Identification
5. Alternative Summarization and Analytics Interface
6. Reporting Framework on Improvements by FDCRC Members
7. Public Comment
8. Discussions and Recommendations

Schedule and Agenda for Council Standing Committee Meetings

10 a.m.–Noon Monday, June 15, 2015

Pelagic and International Standing Committee

- A. International
 1. Report on Purse Seine BET Workshop
 2. Report on Logline Vessel Day Scheme
- B. Domestic
 1. Hawaii Yellowfin and Bigeye Commercial Minimum Size Limit Update
 2. Hawaii Cross Seamount Fishery Review
- C. SSC Recommendations
- D. Council Discussion and Recommendations

1 p.m.–3 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2015

Hawaii Standing Committee

1. Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish
 - a. P-star Working Group Report
 - b. MHI Deep-7 Bottomfish Data Workshop Report
 - c. Specification of Annual Catch Limit

- for the MHI Deep-7 Bottomfish Fishery for 2015–2016 Fishing Year
- 2. Other Issues
- 3. Discussion and Recommendations

3 p.m.–5 p.m. Monday, June 15, 2015

Executive and Budget Standing Committee

- 1. Administrative Report
- 2. Financial Report
- 3. Magnuson Stevens Act reauthorization
- 4. Standard Operating Policies and Procedures
- 5. Meetings and Workshops
- 6. Council Family Changes
- 7. Other Issues
- 8. Committee Discussion and Action

Schedule and Agenda for 163rd Council Meeting

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2015

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Approval of the 163rd Agenda
- 3. Approval of the 162nd Meeting Minutes
- 4. Executive Director's Report
- 5. Agency Reports
 - A. National Marine Fisheries Service
 - 1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
 - 2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
 - B. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Pacific Islands Section
 - C. US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - D. Enforcement
 - 1. US Coast Guard
 - 2. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - 3. NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section
 - E. Public Comment
 - F. Council Discussion and Action
- 6. Program Planning and Research
 - A. National Standard Guidelines 1, 3 & 7 SSC Subgroup Report
 - B. Research Priorities
 - 1. WPRFMC Five-Year Priorities
 - 2. Cooperative Research Priorities
 - C. Stock Assessments
 - 1. Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) Policy
 - 2. Review of Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update for American Samoa, Guam and CNMI
 - 3. Omnibus Amendment To Establish the Pacific Islands Annual Catch Limit Specification Process (Action Item)
 - D. Evaluation of 2014 Annual Catch Limits
 - E. Update on Fishery Ecosystem Plan Review
 - F. Update on Fisheries Internship and Student Help Project
 - G. Report on Presidential Task Force on Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
 - H. US Insular Areas Climate Change

- Meeting
- I. Regional, National and International Outreach & Education
- J. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Fishery Data Collection and Research Committee
 - 2. Protected Species Advisory Committee
 - 3. Advisory Panel
 - 4. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
 - 5. Pelagic Plan Team
 - 6. Scientific & Statistical Committee
 - K. Public Comment
 - L. Council Discussion and Action

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2015

- 7. American Samoa Archipelago
 - A. Motu Lipoti
 - B. Fono Report
 - C. Enforcement Issues
 - D. Community Activities and Issues
 - 1. Report on the Governor's Fisheries Task Force Initiatives
 - a. Fisheries Development
 - b. American Samoa Purse Seine Vessels and WCPFC Limits
 - c. Update on Fisheries Disaster Relief Project
 - 2. Update on the Fagatogo Market
 - 3. Update on Funding for Super Alia Vessels and Local Fishery Business Development Initiatives
 - E. UN Decolonization
 - F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
 - 2. Advisory Panel
 - 3. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
 - 4. Pelagic Plan Team
 - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
 - H. Public Comment
 - I. Council Discussion and Action
- 8. Hawaii Archipelago & Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)
 - A. Moku Pepa
 - B. Legislative Report
 - C. Enforcement Issues
 - D. Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish (MHI)
 - 1. P-Star Working Group Report
 - 2. MHI Deep-7 Bottomfish Data Workshop Report
 - 3. Specification of Annual Catch Limit for the MHI Deep-7 Bottomfish Fishery for 2015–2016 Fishing Year (Action Item)
 - E. Community Activities and Issues
 - 1. Council Comments on Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan
 - F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - G. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee

- 2. Advisory Panel
- 3. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
- 4. Pelagic Plan Team
- 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
- H. Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Hearing
- J. Council Discussion and Action
- 9. Protected Species
 - A. Green Sea Turtle
 - 1. Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - 2. Council Comments on Proposed Rule
 - B. Humpback Whale
 - 1. Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - 2. Council Comments on Proposed Rule
 - C. False Killer Whales (FKW)
 - 1. Report of FKW Take Reduction Team
 - 2. Council Comments on TRT Recommendations
 - D. Report of SSC Subcommittee on FKW Stock Boundary Revision and Bycatch Proration
 - E. Updates on Other Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act
 - F. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
 - 2. Advisory Panel
 - 3. Pelagic Plan Team
 - 4. Scientific & Statistical Committee
 - G. Public Comment
 - H. Council Discussion and Action
- 10. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

6 p.m.–9 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2015

Fishers Forum: Seafood Safety and Traceability

8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2015

- 11. Mariana Archipelago
 - A. Guam
 - 1. Isla Informe
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - a. Status Report on Fishing Platform
 - b. Malesso Community Based Management Program (CBMP) Implementation
 - c. Report on Village of Yigo CBMP Meeting
 - d. Report on Indigenous Fishing Rights Initiatives
 - e. Micronesia Fishing Community Project Update
 - 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
 - B. CNMI
 - 1. Arongol Falú
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Enforcement Issues
 - 4. Community Activities and Issues
 - a. Report on Northern Islands CBMP

- Meeting
- b. Council Comments on CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- 5. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- C. Update on Marianas Trench Marine National Monument
- D. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
 - 2. Advisory Panel
 - 3. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
 - 4. Pelagic Plan Team
 - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
 - E. Public Comment
 - F. Council Discussion and Action
- 12. Pelagic & International Fisheries
 - A. Hawaii Yellowfin and Bigeye Commercial Minimum Size Limit Update
 - B. Hawaii Cross Seamount Fishery Review
 - C. Report on Hawaii Catch Shares Meeting
 - D. International Fisheries
 - 1. Report on Purse Seine BET Workshop
 - 2. Report on Longline VDS
 - 3. Tokelau Arrangement Update
 - E. Advisory Group Report and Recommendations
 - 1. Protected Species Advisory Committee
 - 2. Advisory Panel
 - 3. Pelagic Plan Team
 - 4. Joint Archipelagic Plan Team
 - 5. Scientific & Statistical Committee
 - F. Standing Committee Recommendations
 - G. Public Comment
 - H. Council Discussion and Recommendations
- 13. Administrative Matters
 - A. Financial Reports
 - B. Administrative Reports
 - C. Council Family Changes
 - 1. Advisory Panel Alternate Selection
 - 2. Plan Team Realignment
 - 3. SSC Membership
 - D. Magnuson Stevens Act Reauthorization
 - E. Standard Operating Policies and Procedures
 - F. Meetings and Workshops
 - 1. Council Coordination Committee Meeting
 - G. Other Business
 - H. Standing Committee Recommendations
 - I. Public Comment
 - J. Council Discussion and Action
- 14. Other Business

Non-Emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion and formal Council action during its 163rd meeting. However, Council action on regulatory

issues will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any regulatory issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take 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 Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 21, 2015.

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

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Evaluate and Notice of Availability of Final Findings.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office for Coastal Management announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the New York and Florida Coastal Management Programs.

The Coastal Zone Management Program (CMP) evaluations will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA) and regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart L. The CZMA requires continuing review of the performance of states with respect to CMP implementation. Evaluation of a CMP requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its CMP document approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

The evaluations will include a public meeting, consideration of written public comments and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public.

When the evaluation is completed, the Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings. Notice is hereby given of the date, local time, and location of the public meeting.

Date and Time: The New York CMP public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. local time in room #505 on the 5th floor of 1 Commerce Plaza at 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY.

The Florida CMP public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. local time in Conference Rooms A and B, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of each state's most recent performance report, as well as the Office for Coastal Management evaluation notification letter to the state, are available upon request. Written comments from interested parties regarding these programs are encouraged and will be accepted until July 24, 2015. 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 Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands CMP, Indiana CMP, and Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). Sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA, as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of CMPs and the operation and management of NERRs. The state of Indiana and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)-(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. The state of Florida was found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System for the implementation of the Apalachicola NERR.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be downloaded at http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/evaluation_findings/index.html or obtained upon written request from: