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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Social Science Planning Committee (SSPC), American Samoa Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Advisory Panel (AP), Mariana Archipelago FEP Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) AP, Hawaii Archipelago and Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) FEP AP, Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP, and Fishing Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC) to discuss and make recommendations on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The meetings will be held between May 27 and June 2, 2025. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The Council will hold its SSPC, American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP, Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP, Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP, Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP, and FIAC meetings in a hybrid format with in-person and remote participation (Webex) options available for the members and the public. In person attendance (for members and public) for the SSPC, Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP, and FIAC meetings will be hosted at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. In-person attendance for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP and public will be hosted at the Tedi of Samoa Suite 208B, P8C6+V2F, Fagotogo Village, AS, 96799. In-person attendance for the Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP and public will be hosted at BRI Building, Suite 205, Kopa Di Oru St., Garapan, Saipan 96950. In-person attendance for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP and public will be hosted at Cliff Pointe, 304 W O'Brien Drive,

Hagatña, GU, 96910. Instructions for connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSPC meeting will be held between 12 p.m. noon and 5 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time [HST]) on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The American Samoa FEP AP will be held between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Samoa Standard Time [SST]) on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP will be held between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]) on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP will be held between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (HST) on Friday, May 30, 2025. The Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP will be held between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. noon (ChST) on Saturday, May 31, 2025. The FIAC will be held between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. (HST) on Monday, June 2, 2025.

Public Comment periods will be provided in 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 the SSPC Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (HST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Reports
 - A. Socioeconomic Modules 2024 Report Updates
 - B. Fisher Observations
4. Social, Economic, Ecological, and Management (SEEM) Process Review
5. Discussion on Role of SSPC in the Council Process
6. Socioeconomic Considerations for Council Actions and Issues
 - A. Implementation of Electronic Monitoring (EM) in Hawaii and American Samoa Longline (LL) Fisheries
 - B. Hawaii and American Samoa LL Fisheries Crew Training Requirement
 - C. Annual Catch Limits (ACL) Specifications for Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Uku for 2026 to 2029
7. Update on NMFS Socioeconomic Programs and Activities

8. Project Updates
9. Other Business
10. Public Comment
11. Discussion and Recommendations

Schedule and Agenda for the American Samoa Archipelago FEP AP Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (SST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting
3. Council Fisheries Issues
 - A. 2024 American Samoa SAFE Report
 - B. Implementation of EM in Hawaii and American Samoa LL Fisheries
 - C. Hawaii and American Samoa LL Fisheries Crew Training Requirement
4. Council Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Project Update
 - A. Scenario Planning
 - B. Regulatory Review
 - C. Community Consultation
5. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
6. Public Comment
7. Discussion and Recommendations
8. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP CNMI AP Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (ChST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting
3. Council Fisheries Issues
 - A. 2024 CNMI Annual SAFE Report
 - B. 2024 CNMI Bottomfish Stock Assessment Update
4. Council IRA Project Update
 - A. Scenario Planning
 - B. Regulatory Review
 - C. Community Consultation
6. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
7. Public Comment
8. Discussion and Recommendations
9. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago and PRIA FEP AP Meeting

Friday, May 30, 2025, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (HST)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting
3. Council Fisheries Issues
 - A. 2024 Hawaii Annual SAFE Report
 - B. ACL Specifications for MHI Uku for 2026 to 2029
 - C. Implementation of EM in Hawaii and American Samoa LL Fisheries
 - D. Hawaii and American Samoa LL Fisheries Crew Training Requirement
4. Council IRA Project Update

- A. Scenario Planning
- B. Regulatory Review
- C. Community Consultation
- 5. State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Update
- 6. Review of Uku Data for Future Management
- 7. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
- 8. Public Comment
- 7. Discussion and Recommendations
- 8. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the Mariana Archipelago FEP Guam AP Meeting

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (ChST)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Review of the Last AP Recommendation and Meeting
- 3. Council Fisheries Issues
 - A. 2024 Guam Annual SAFE Report
- 4. Council IRA Project Update
 - A. Scenario Planning
 - B. Regulatory Review
 - C. Community Consultation
- 6. AP Strategic Planning for 2025
 - A. Guam Military Working Group Update
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. Discussion and Recommendations
- 9. Other Business

Schedule and Agenda for the FIAC Meeting

Monday, June 2, 2025, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (HST)

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Status Report on Previous FIAC Recommendations
- 3. Roundtable Update on Fishing/Market Issues/Impacts
- 4. Hawaii and American Samoa LL Fisheries Crew Training Requirement
- 5. Implementation of EM in Hawaii and American Samoa LL Fisheries
- 4. Council IRA Project Updates
 - A. Scenario Planning
 - B. Regulatory Review
 - C. Community Consultation
- 6. 2024 Annual SAFE Report Highlights
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Discussion and Recommendations

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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: May 7, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,
Branch Chief, 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 No. 26663

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Alaska Whale Foundation, P.O. Box 1927, Petersburg, AK 99833 (Responsible Party: Andy Szabo, Ph.D.), has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 26663-01.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 12, 2025.

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 File No. 26663 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 26663 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Amy Hapeman at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment is 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).

Permit No. 26663, issued on January 20, 2024 (89 FR 9838, February 12, 2024), authorizes the research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and nine other cetacean species in southeast Alaska to study

distribution, abundance trends, acoustic ecology, and health. Authorized research methods during vessel and unmanned aircraft surveys (UAS) include photo-id, photogrammetry, behavioral observations, underwater photography, passive acoustic recordings, acoustic playbacks, biological sampling (exhaled air, sloughed skin, fecal, skin and blubber biopsy), and suction-cup tags. Non-listed pinnipeds may be unintentionally harassed during research. One amendment to the permit changed the Responsible Party (No. 26663-01, February 26, 2025). The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to increase takes of gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) due to an increased presence in the study area. Annually up to 400 gray whales (an increase from 200) would be studied in the same manner as currently authorized for Level B harassment activities. Additionally, up to 100 gray whales could be biopsy sampled and 50 whales could be biopsy sampled and suction-cup tagged annually following the currently permitted methods for humpback whales. The applicant is also updating methods for suction-cup tags to include deployment by UAS. The permit expires on February 15, 2029.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: May 7, 2025.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Pile Driving Training Exercises at Naval Base Ventura County, Port Hueneme

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and