

thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. National marine sanctuary advisory councils are community-based advisory groups established to provide advice and recommendations to the superintendents of the national marine sanctuaries on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship; and to serve as liaisons between their constituents in the community and the sanctuary. Additional information on ONMS and its advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>. Information related to the purpose, policies, and operational requirements for advisory councils can be found in the charter for a particular advisory council (http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/council_charters.html) and the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Implementation Handbook (<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/pdfs/2010-ac-handbook-appendices-07162015.pdf>).

The following is a list of the vacant seats, including positions (*i.e.*, primary member or alternate), for each of the advisory councils currently seeking applications for members and alternates:

Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Conservation (primary); Education (primary); Recreational Fishing (primary); and Research (primary).

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Lānaʻi Island (alternate); and Molokaʻi Island (alternate).

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Agriculture (primary); Agriculture (alternate); At-Large (two primaries); At-Large (alternate); Business/Industry (primary); Business/Industry (alternate); College (primary); College (alternate); Commercial Fishing (primary); Commercial Fishing (alternate); Conservation (primary); Recreation (primary); Recreation (alternate); Recreational Fishing (primary); Recreational Fishing (alternate); Research (primary); and Research (alternate).

National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa Advisory Council: West Side of Tutuila (primary).

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: At-Large (alternate); Business/Industry (alternate); Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (alternate); Whale Watch (alternate); and Youth (alternate).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of its Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, March 10, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Sacramento, Yuba River Room, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820-2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to review a stock assessment update of the Pacific sardine resource. The SSC CPS subcommittee will conduct the review, and one member each from the CPS Management Team and CPS Advisory Subpanel will serve as advisers. The Council will set harvest specifications and management measures at its April 9-14, 2016 meeting in Vancouver, WA.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 28, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 15510

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 15510 has been issued to Jennifer Burns, Ph.D., University of Alaska Anchorage, CPISB 202C, 3101 Science Circle, Anchorage, AK 99508.

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment 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: Rosa L. González or Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 8, 2015, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 76276) that a request for an amendment Permit No. 15510 to collect, receive, import, and export specimens from marine mammals for scientific research had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit amendment has 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The original permit (No. 15510), issued on April 25, 2011 (76 FR 25308) authorized Dr. Burns to obtain samples from up to 50 animals of each of the following species: Harp (*Pagophilus*