

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Regional Office

2012 Federal Register Rules and Regulations

Arctic

[77 FR 2513, 01/18/2012](#) 54 kb

Notice of public meetings and an extension of the comment period on the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean". The comment period is extended to February 28, 2012. Public meetings will be held in the communities of Barrow, Kaktovik, Kivalina, Kotzebue, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright between January 30 and February 10, 2012. The exact dates, times, and locations will be announced in advance through local media. A DEIS public meeting will also be held in Anchorage on February 13, 2012, from 12–2 p.m.

[76 FR 82275, 12/30/2011](#)

Beluga Whales

[77 FR 6065, 02/07/2012](#) 138 kb

Notice of a proposed information collection to collect data for measuring the economic benefits the public receives for providing additional protection, beyond current levels, to the Cook Inlet beluga whale. Comment period through April 9, 2012.

Bowhead Whale

[77 FR 21540, 04/10/2012](#) 189 kb

Notice of the aboriginal subsistence whaling quota for bowhead whales assigned to the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, and of limitations on the use of the quota deriving from regulations adopted at the 59th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission. For 2012, the quota is 75 bowhead whales struck. Effective April 10, 2012.

Endangered Species Act Amendment

[77 FR 6138, 02/07/2012](#) 149 kb

Notice of a 30-day extension of the period for submission of public comments on the draft policy interpreting the phrase "significant portion of its range" in the Endangered Species Act's definitions of "endangered species" and "threatened species." Comment period through March 8, 2012.

[76 FR 76987, 12/09/2011](#)

Halibut

[77 FR 92010, 02/16/2012](#) 143 kb

NOAA is soliciting nominations for two individuals to serve as United States Commissioners to the International Pacific Halibut Commission. Nominations must be received by March 19, 2012.

Hydrokinectic Energy

[77 FR 12827, 03/02/2012](#) 147 kb

Notice of Alaska Energy Authority's intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and conduct scoping meetings March 26 -29, 2012, on the Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project. Comments can be submitted through the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>.

Marine Mammal Take and Research Permits

[77 FR 24470, 04/24/2012](#) 176 kb

Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Shane Moore, Moore & Moore Films, Jackson, WY, to conduct commercial/educational photography in Alaska.

[77 FR 21753, 04/11/2012](#) 171 kb

Notice that a permit has been issued to NHK Enterprises, Inc., Nature & Science Programs, Tokyo, Japan to conduct commercial or educational photography.

[77 FR 20793, 04/06/2012](#) 177 kb

Notice that a permit has been issued to Dorian Houser, Ph.D., National Marine Mammal Foundation, San Diego, CA, to conduct scientific research on cetaceans stranded or in rehabilitation facilities in the U.S..

[77 FR 19645, 04/02/2012](#) 195 kb

Notice that John Calambokidis, Cascadia Research Collective, Olympia, WA, has applied for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals. Comments must be received on or before May 2, 2012.

[77 FR 19648, 04/02/2012](#) 172 kb

Notice that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau, AK, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 16094. Comments must be received on or before May 2, 2012.

[77 FR 14352, 03/09/2012](#) 171 kb

Notice of issuance of a permit to Glacier Bay National Park and Reserve to conduct research on humpback whales, killer whales, and minke whales. Effective through February 28, 2017.

[77 FR 13295, 03/06/2012](#) 171 kb

Notice that Notice Paul E. Nachtigall, Ph.D., Marine Mammal Research Program Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research on cetaceans stranded or in rehabilitation facilities in the U.S.

[77 FR 12815, 03/02/2012](#) 148 kb

Notice is hereby given that an application for a scientific research permit (File No. 16998) submitted by Mr. Gregory Walker, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, has been denied.

[77 FR 12009, 02/28/2012](#) 143 kb

Notice that James T. Harvey, Ph.D., Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, Moss Landing, CA, has applied for a permit to conduct scientific research on harbor seals. Comment period through March 29, 2012.

[77 FR 11492, 02/27/2012](#) 139 kb

Notice of availability of the "Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Issuance of Incidental Harassment Authorizations for the Take of Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to Conducting Exploratory Drilling Programs in the U.S. Beaufort and Chukchi Seas." Comment period through March 28, 2012.

[77 FR 4765, 01/31/2012](#) 169 kb

Notice that NMFS has received an application from Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (L-DEO), a part of Columbia University, for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting a marine geophysical survey in the northwest Pacific Ocean, March through April, 2012. Comment period through March 1, 2012.

[77 FR 4765, 01/31/2012](#) 53 kb

Notice that Colleen Reichmuth, Ph.D., University of Laboratory, Santa Cruz, CA, has applied for a permit to take bearded seals for research purposes. Comment period through March 1, 2012.

[77 FR 4013, 01/26/2012](#) 150 kb

Notice that a major amendment to Permit No. 15126-01 has been issued to NMFS National Marine Mammal Laboratory (Dr. John Bengtson, Director), Seattle, WA.

[77 FR 2513, 01/18/2012](#) 54 kb

Notice that NHK Enterprises, Inc., Nature & Science Programs, Tokyo, Japan has applied for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography of Eastern North Pacific gray whales and killer whales. Comment period through February 17, 2012.

[77 FR 2512, 01/18/2012](#) 53 kb

Notice that Dorian Houser, Ph.D., National Marine Mammal Foundation, San Diego, CA, has applied for a permit to conduct scientific research on cetaceans stranded or in rehabilitation facilities in the U.S. Comment period through February 17, 2012.

[77 FR 2037, 01/13/2012](#) 146 kb

Notice that Shane Moore, Moore & Moore Films, Jackson, WY has applied for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography on killer and gray whales in Alaska. Comment period through February 13, 2012.

[77 FR 268, 01/04/2012](#) 145 kb

Notice that Mr. Gregory Walker, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK has applied for a permit to conduct research on Steller sea lions in Alaska. Comment period through February 3, 2012.

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

[77 FR 27030, 05/08/2012](#) 172 kb

NPFMC Golden King Crab Price Formula Committee is meeting May 22-23, 2012, concerning the arbitration system that is part of the BSAI crab rationalization program. The Committee will give specific attention to the development of the price formula for golden king crab under the arbitration system.

[77 FR 23662, 04/20/2012](#) 186 kb

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Crab Plan Team will meet May 7-10, 2012, in Anchorage, AK.

[77 FR 210086, 04/09/2012](#) 217 kb

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council Golden King Crab Price Formula Committee is meeting in Seattle, WA, April 26-27, 2012.

[77 FR 15722, 03/16/2012](#) 45 kb

Notice of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Groundfish Plan Teams and Crab Plan Team workshop, April 4-5, 2012.

[77 FR 14350, 03/09/2012](#) 176 kb

Notice of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council IFQ Implementation team meeting March 26, 2012, Anchorage, AK.

[77 FR 14351, 03/09/2012](#) 177 kb

Notice of North Pacific Fishery Management Council and advisory committees public meetings, March 26 - April 3, 2012, Anchorage, AK.

[77 FR 12814, 03/02/2012](#) 139 kb

Notice of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries Joint Protocol Committee meeting, March 19, 2012, Anchorage, AK.

[77 FR 9898, 02/21/2012](#) 140 kb

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Golden King Crab Price Formula Committee is meeting in Seattle, WA, March 8, 2012.

[77 FR 2961, 01/20/2012](#) 45 kb

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council Golden King Crab Price Formula Workgroup will meet February 7, 2012 in Seattle, WA.

[77 FR 2039, 01/13/2012](#) 152 kb

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, January 30–February 7, 2012, at the Renaissance Hotel in Seattle, WA.

[77 FR 778, 01/06/2012](#) 154 kb

Notice of a meeting of the Council Coordination Committee, consisting of the Regional Fishery Management Council chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors January 25-26, 2012, Silver Spring, MD.

North Pacific Right Whales

[77 FR 22760, 04/17/2012](#) 196 kb

Notice of intent to update a recovery plan for the blue whale and prepare a recovery plan for the North Pacific right whale. Comments and information must be received by May 17, 2012.

Observer Program (Groundfish)

[77 FR 22753, 04/17/2012](#) 194 kb

Notice of public hearings for a proposed rule to restructure the funding and deployment system for observers in North Pacific groundfish and halibut fisheries via Amendment 86 to the FMP for Groundfish of the BSAI and Amendment 76 to the FMP for Groundfish of the GOA. Public hearings will be held in April and May, 2012.

[77 FR 17458, 03/26/2012](#) 171 kb

Notice of a proposed renewal of the observer program clearance for collecting information through standardized questions. Comment period through May 25, 2012.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

[77 FR 5773, 02/06/2012](#) 151 kb

Proposed extension of a current information collection for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Comment period through April 6, 2012.

[77 FR 4997, 02/01/2012](#) 47 kb

Proposed information collection extension for the IFQ Cost Recovery Program requiring IFQ permit holders to submit information about the value of landings of IFQ species and to calculate and submit fees. Comment period through April 2, 2012.

Salmon

[77 FR 26744, 05/07/2012](#) 179 kb

Notice of reduction payment tender of Southeast Alaska purse seine salmon permits. The public has until June 6, 2012 to inform NMFS of any holding, owning, or retaining claims that conflict with the representations of bids as presented by the Southeast Revitalization Association.

[77 FR 19004, 03/29/2012](#) 171 kb

Notice to inform interested persons of the voting period for the fishing capacity reduction program referendum for the Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon Fishery. Comments must be submitted on or before 5 p.m. EST April 13, 2012.

[77 FR 12568, 03/01/2012](#) 179 kb

Notice to inform persons of their eligibility to vote in the fishing capacity reduction program referendum for the Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon Fishery. Public meetings to be held March 5 and March 7, 2012. Comment period through 5 p.m. EST March 16, 2012.

Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures

[77 FR 11493, 02/27/2012](#) 148 kb

Addition of West Coast groundfish fisheries to the list of fisheries for one stock of marine mammals — the Eastern U.S. stock of Steller sea lions.

[Marine Mammal Protection Act Section 101\(a\)\(5\)\(E\) – Negligible Impact Determination](#), 12/13/2010
[76 FR 73912](#), 11/29/2011

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