SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Caleb Slater, Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA, 01581, has applied in due form for a permit to take shortnose (Acipenser brevirostrum) and Atlantic sturgeon (Acipenser oxyrhynchus oxyrhinchus) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 1, 2013.

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. 17452 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:
- 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; and
- Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281–9328; fax (978) 281–9394.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division
- by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov (include the File No. in the subject line of the email),
- by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or
- at the address listed above.

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: Colette Cairns or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427–8401.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XC698
Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings
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 its 113th Scientific and Statistical Committee, Executive and Budget Standing Committee, Pelagic and International and Protected Species Standing Committee and the 157th Council Meeting to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.
DATES: The meetings will be held from June 18, 2013 through June 27, 2013. All meetings will be held in Honolulu, HI. For specific times and agendas, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.
ADDRESSES: The SSC, Executive and Budget Standing Committee and the Pelagic and International and Protected Species Standing Committee meetings will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, telephone: (808) 522–8220. The 157th Council meeting will be held at the Laniakea YWCA-Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, telephone: (808) 538–7061. The Fishers Forum will be held at the Harbor View Center, Pier 38, 1129 North Nimitz Highway, Honolulu, HI 96817, telephone: (808) 983–1200.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet from June 18, 2013 to June 20, 2013 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; the Council’s Executive and Budget Standing Committee will meet on June 25, 2013 between 10 a.m. and 12 noon; the Pelagic and International and Protected Species Standing Committee will meet on June 25 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; the 157th Council meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on June 26, 2013, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 27, 2013, and between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on June 28, 2013. A Fishers Forum will be held in association with the 157th Council Meeting between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on June 27, 2013.
In addition to the agenda items listed here, the 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 113th SSC Meeting
5:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2013
1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of the 111th SSC Meeting Recommendations
4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) Director
5. Insular Fisheries
A. PIFSC Bottomfish Research
1. Life History Investigations
a. Challenges of Traditional Age Estimation of Hawaii Bottomfish
b. Age-Verified Life Histories of Bottomfish: Hawaii and the Western Pacific
2. Assessments
a. Report on Cooperative Research Cruise
b. Report on Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Area (BRFA) Evaluation
B. Plan Team Report
C. Public Comment
D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
6. Program Planning
A. Re-specification of Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs) (Action Item)
1. Evaluation of the 2012 Catches Relative to 2012 Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
2. Modified Catch-Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) Approach to Specify ABCs
3. Options for Re-specifying ABCs
a. Coral Reef Management Unit Species
b. Crustaceans and Precious Corals
c. Main Hawaiian Island (MHI) Deep 7 Bottomfish
d. Non-deep 7 Bottomfish
4. Report from the P-star Working Group
B. Allocation
C. Subsistence Fisheries Definition
D. Cooperative Research Priorities
E. National Bycatch Fisheries Definition
F. Plan Team Report
G. Public Comment
H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, 2013
7. Pelagic Fisheries