

sardine catch under each EFP would be accounted for under the proposed 2021–2022 annual catch limit (ACL), which is 3,329 metric tons (mt). A summary of each EFP application is provided below:

(1) *Proposal for Renewal of Exempted Fishery Permit (EFP) To Allow Take of Pacific Sardine (for Point Sets) in 2021 Nearshore Research Program*: The CWPA submitted a renewal application for their CPS Nearshore Cooperative Survey (NCS) program. The purpose of this EFP project is to continue to develop a sampling methodology for estimating CPS biomass in shallow waters that are not accessible to NOAA survey ships. Since 2012 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, in partnership with the CWPA, has been conducting aerial surveys to estimate the biomass and distribution of Pacific sardine and certain other CPS in nearshore waters in the Southern California Bight, and in the Monterey-San Francisco area since the summer of 2017. Currently, there is uncertainty in the biomass estimates from aerial spotter pilots. The CPS–NCS survey aims to quantify that level of uncertainty by capturing CPS schools identified by aerial spotter pilots and validating the biomass and species composition of the schools. If approved, this EFP would allow up to six participating vessels to directly harvest a total of 300 mt of Pacific sardine during the 2021–2022 fishing year. A portion of each point set (*i.e.*, an individual haul of fish captured with a purse seine net) would be retained for biological sampling, and the remainder will be sold by the participating fishermen and processors to offset research costs and avoid unnecessary discard.

(2) *Request for Renewal of Exempted Fishery Permit (EFP) To Allow Fishing of Pacific Sardine For Biological Samples in 2021 Nearshore Research Program*: The CWPA submitted a renewal application for their biological sampling EFP project. The primary directed fishery for Pacific sardine has been closed since 2015, and consequently, scientists at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) have a limited amount of fishery-dependent data to use in their annual stock assessment. The goal of this EFP project is to provide additional biological data (*i.e.*, age and length data from directed harvest) for potential use in Pacific sardine stock assessments. If approved, this EFP would allow up to six participating vessels to directly harvest up to 520 mt of Pacific sardine during the 2021–2022 fishing year. A portion of each landing would be retained for biological sampling by the

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the remainder would be sold by the participating fishermen and processors to offset research costs and avoid unnecessary discard.

(3) *Exempted Fishery Permit to continue an industry-federal-state collaborative acoustic survey for CPS in nearshore waters*: The WCPCG submitted a renewal application for their Nearshore Surveillance Acoustic Trawl Methodology Survey of North West Coastal Waters EFP project. Since 2017, the WCPCG has been working with NMFS' SWFSC and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to survey CPS in nearshore Oregon/Washington coastal waters. The purpose of the EFP is to collect biological samples in areas inshore of the SWFSC acoustic trawl survey to better assess species composition and CPS distribution and abundance. If approved, this EFP would allow one research vessel to harvest up to 10 mt of Pacific sardine during the 2021–2022 fishing year. A portion of each set (*i.e.*, an individual haul of fish captured with a purse seine net) would be retained by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for biological sampling, and the remainder of the set would be released from the purse seine net immediately after collecting the biological samples.

Altogether, these EFP projects total 830 mt. If NMFS does not issue these EFPs, then this 830-mt portion of the ACL would be available for harvest by other permissible fishing activities during the 2021–2022 fishing year (*e.g.*, live bait or minor directed harvest).

After publication of this document in the **Federal Register**, NMFS may approve and issue permits to participating vessels after the close of the public comment period. NMFS will consider comments submitted in deciding whether to approve the applications as requested. NMFS may approve the applications in their entirety or may make any alterations needed to achieve the goals of the EFP projects. NMFS may also approve different amounts of Pacific sardine allocation for each EFP project if any changes are made to the 2021–2022 proposed sardine harvest specifications before final implementation.

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

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Jennifer M. Wallace,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public virtual meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) District Advisory Panels (DAPs) will hold public virtual meetings to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The DAPs public virtual meetings will be held as follows: St. Croix DAP, June 15, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Puerto Rico DAP, June 15, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Thomas/St. John DAP, June 16, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All meetings will be at Eastern Day Time.

ADDRESSES: You may join the DAPs public virtual meetings (via Zoom) from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following addresses:

DAP–STT/STJ

Join Zoom Meeting
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DAP–PR

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DAP-STX

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- 5-Year Strategic Plan
- Other Business

All three meetings will be discussing the same agenda items.

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meetings will begin on June 15, 2021 at 10 a.m. EDT, and will end on June 16, 2021, at 12 p.m. EDT. Other than the start time, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated, at the discretion of the Chair.

Special Accommodations

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the DAP-PR, on June 15, 2021.

Se proveerá interpretación en español. Para interpretación en español puede marcar el siguiente número para entrar a la reunión: US/Canadá: llame al +1–888–947–3988, cuando el sistema conteste, entrar el número 1*999996#.

For English interpretation you may dial the following number to enter the meeting: US/Canada: call +1–888–947–3988, when the system answers enter the number 2*999996#.

For any additional information on this public virtual meeting, please contact

Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 226–8849.

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

Dated: May 25, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Army Corps of Engineers Debris Dock Replacement Project, Sausalito, California

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Debris Dock Replacement Project in Sausalito, California. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorizations and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than June 28, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be sent to ITP.Meadows@noaa.gov.

Instructions: NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method,

to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act> without change. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dwayne Meadows, Ph.D., Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401. Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed incidental take authorization may be provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of