

Pacific harbor seals may be temporarily impacted by pile driving noise. However, these animals are expected to avoid the area, thereby reducing exposure and impacts. In addition, although the sill project is expected to take 11 to 15 weeks to complete, the installation of end-bearing piles and sheet pile would only occur for approximately 20 days. Further, the Union Pacific Railroad bridge that is located in the vicinity of the project site has approximately 15–20 trains passing over it each day and harbor seals haul-out on the mud flats located on either side of the bridge. During a previous project at this site involving pile driving, harbor seals were observed to be present during construction and reportedly entered and exited the area without any visible signs of stress or undue harassment (MACTEC Engineering and Consulting 2003). Therefore, animals are likely tolerant or habituated to anthropogenic disturbance, including pile driving. Finally, breeding and pupping occur outside of the proposed work window; therefore, no disruption to reproductive behavior is anticipated. There is no anticipated effect on annual rates of recruitment or survival of the affected harbor seal population.

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS determined that the Parsons Slough sill project will result in the incidental take of small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment only, and that the total taking from the Parsons Slough project will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

#### **Impact on Availability of Affected Species or Stock for Taking for Subsistence Uses**

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action. Endangered Species Act (ESA)

No ESA-listed species under NMFS' jurisdiction are expected to be affected by these activities. Therefore, NMFS has determined that a section 7 consultation for issuance of the proposed IHA under the ESA is not required. The NOAA Restoration Center, Southwest Region, completed a formal consultation with the USFWS because the project is within the range of the southern sea otter, which is listed as threatened under the ESA. On October 6, 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement to the NOAA Restoration

Center, Southwest Regional pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA. The Biological Opinion concluded that impacts from the NOAA Restoration Center, Southwest Region's project would not jeopardize the continued existence of ESA-listed southern sea otters.

#### **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

Pursuant to NEPA, the general impacts associated with the design and construction phases of the proposed action are described in the Community-Based Restoration Program (CRP) Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA), which were prepared by the NOAA Restoration Center, Southwest Region. The NOAA Restoration Center, Southwest Region, completed a Targeted Supplemental Environmental Assessment (TSEA) to include all project-specific impacts not described in the CRP PEA/SPEA. NMFS considered the TSEA to be adequate and adopted it on November 22, 2010. On November 23, 2010, NMFS issued a Finding of No Significant Impact on the TSEA.

#### **Authorization**

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to the NOAA Restoration Center, Southwest Region, for the take of marine mammals incidental to the Parsons Slough project, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

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**P. Michael Payne,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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#### **Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshops.

**SUMMARY:** Free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and

Identification Workshops will be held in January, February, and March of 2011. Certain fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet regulatory requirements and maintain valid permits. Specifically, the Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop is mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop is mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or gillnet gear, and who have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access permits. Additional free workshops will be conducted during 2011.

**DATES:** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held January 6, February 3, and March 10, 2011.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held January 11, January 13, January 24, February 16, February 23, March 16, and March 23, 2011.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

**ADDRESSES:** The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Vero Beach, FL; Norfolk, VA; and Corpus Christi, TX.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Portland, ME; Manahawkin, NJ; Daytona Beach, FL; Key Largo, FL; Ocean City, MD; Galveston, TX; and Clearwater, FL.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details on workshop locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard A. Pearson by phone: (727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

#### **Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops**

Since January 1, 2008, Atlantic shark dealers have been prohibited from receiving, purchasing, trading, or bartering for Atlantic sharks unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit which first receives Atlantic sharks (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Dealers who attend and successfully complete a workshop are issued a certificate for each place of business that is permitted to receive sharks. These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. Approximately 52 free Atlantic

Shark Identification Workshops have been conducted since January 2007.

Currently permitted dealers may send a proxy to an Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop. However, if a dealer opts to send a proxy, the dealer must designate a proxy for each place of business covered by the dealer's permit which first receives Atlantic sharks. Only one certificate will be issued to each proxy. A proxy must be a person who is currently employed by a place of business covered by the dealer's permit; is a primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and who fills out dealer reports. Atlantic shark dealers are prohibited from renewing a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate for each business location which first receives Atlantic sharks has been submitted with the permit renewal application. Additionally, trucks or other conveyances which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate.

#### *Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations*

1. January 6, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., Leisure Square—TUFF Room, 3705 16th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960.

2. February 3, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., La Quinta Inn (at Norfolk Airport), 1387 North Military Highway, Norfolk, VA 23502.

3. March 10, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., La Quinta Inn West, 10446 I-37 Access Road B, Corpus Christi, TX 78410.

#### *Registration*

To register for a scheduled Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, please contact Eric Sander at [esander@peoplepc.com](mailto:esander@peoplepc.com) or at (386) 852-8588.

#### *Registration Materials*

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items to the workshop:

- Atlantic shark dealer permit holders must bring proof that the attendee is an owner or agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit, and proof of identification.
- Atlantic shark dealer proxies must bring documentation from the permitted dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the permitted Atlantic shark dealer for a specific business location, a copy of the appropriate valid permit, and proof of identification.

#### *Workshop Objectives*

The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are designed to reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form and increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer-reported information. Reducing the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks will improve quota monitoring and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

#### *Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops*

Since January 1, 2007, shark limited-access and swordfish limited-access permit holders who fish with longline or gillnet gear have been required to submit a copy of their Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel owners who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel owners whose certificate(s) will expire prior to the next permit renewal, must attend a workshop to fish with, or renew, their swordfish and shark limited-access permits. Additionally, new shark and swordfish limited-access permit applicants who intend to fish with longline or gillnet gear must attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and submit a copy of their workshop certificate before either of the permits will be issued. Approximately 100 free Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops have been conducted since 2006.

In addition to certifying vessel owners, at least one operator on board vessels issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit that uses longline or gillnet gear is required to attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and receive a certificate. Vessels that have been issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit and that use longline or gillnet gear may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates onboard at all times. The certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel operators who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel operators whose certificate(s) will expire prior to their next fishing trip, must attend a workshop to operate a

vessel with swordfish and shark limited-access permits that uses with longline or gillnet gear.

#### *Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations*

1. January 11, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101.

2. January 13, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 151 Route 72 East, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

3. January 24, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 137 AutoMall Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32124.

4. February 16, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 99701 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037.

5. February 23, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842.

6. March 16, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., The Tremont House, 2300 Ships Mechanic Row, Galveston, TX 77550.

7. March 23, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn Select, 3535 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater, FL 33762.

#### *Registration*

To register for a scheduled Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (386) 682-0158.

#### *Registration Materials*

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items with them to the workshop:

- Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate swordfish and/or shark permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.
- Representatives of a business owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable swordfish and/or shark permit(s), and proof of identification.
- Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

#### *Workshop Objectives*

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach longline and gillnet fishermen the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish. In an effort to improve reporting, the proper identification of protected species will also be taught at these workshops. Additionally,

individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal of these workshops is to provide participants with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species, which may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

Dated: November 26, 2010.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

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

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

The National Civilian Community Corps Advisory Board gives notice of the following meeting:

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, December 7, 2010, 2 p.m.–3 p.m.

**PLACE:** Conference room #8312, 8th floor, Corporation for National and Community Service Headquarters, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.

**STATUS:** Open.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- I. Meeting Convenes
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Director's Report
- IV. Committee Reports:
  - Projects and Partnership Committee
  - Member Services Committee
  - Policy and Operations Committee
- V. Public Comment

Accommodations: Anyone who needs an interpreter or other accommodation should notify the Corporation's contact person by 5 p.m. Friday, December 3, 2010.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Erma Hodge, NCCC, Corporation for National and Community Service, 9th Floor, Room 9802B, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525. Phone (202) 606-6696. Fax (202) 606-3459. TDD: (202) 606-3472. E-mail: [ehodge@cns.gov](mailto:ehodge@cns.gov).

Dated: November 26, 2010.

**Thomas L. Bryant,**

*Acting General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### The Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) National Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming open meeting of the National Board (Board) of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. The notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required by Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend. This notice is published less than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting due to unexpected delays in finalizing arrangements for the meeting.

**DATES:** Monday, December 13, 2010.

*Time:* 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Capital Hilton, Pan American Room, 1001 16th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, Telephone: (202) 393-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin M. McDermott, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006-8544; telephone: (202) 502-7607; email: [erin.mcdermott@ed.gov](mailto:erin.mcdermott@ed.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Board of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education is established in Title VII, Part B, section 742 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1138a). The Board is authorized to advise the Director of the Fund and the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education on (1) priorities for the improvement of postsecondary education, including recommendations for the improvement of postsecondary education and for the evaluation, dissemination, and adaptation of demonstrated improvements in postsecondary educational practice; and (2) the operation of the Fund, including advice on planning documents, guidelines, and procedures for grant competitions prepared by the Fund.

On Monday, December 13, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, the Board will meet in open session. The proposed agenda for the meeting will include discussion of the Fund's programs and special initiatives. Presentations will be made on behalf of projects administered by the Fund.

The meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (*e.g.*, interpreting services, assistance listening devices, or materials in alternative format) should notify Erin McDermott at (202) 502-7607, no later than December 8, 2010. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date but cannot guarantee their availability. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments by submitting comments to the attention of Erin M. McDermott, 1990 K Street, NW., Room 6142, Washington, DC 20006-8544 or by e-mail at [erin.mcdermott@ed.gov](mailto:erin.mcdermott@ed.gov).

Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the office of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, 6th Floor, 1990 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20006-8544 from the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. (EST) from Monday through Friday.

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