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- by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or
- at the address listed above.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Cairns or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The NOS Lab (File No. 17557) is requesting authority to receive, import, export, transfer, archive, and conduct analyses on an unlimited number of marine mammal and endangered species parts. Species include all cetaceans, pinnipeds (except for walrus), sea turtles (in the water), smalltooth (*Pristis pectinata*) and largetooth (*Pristis perotteti*) sawfish, shortnose (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), green (*Acipenser medirostris*), Atlantic (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) and Gulf (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*) sturgeon, black (*Haliotis cracherodii*) and white (*Haliotis sorenseni*) abalone, chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), chum (*Oncorhynchus keta*), coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and sockeye (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) salmon, steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), and totoaba (*Totoaba macdonaldi*). Samples would be archived at the NOS Lab and used to support law enforcement actions, research studies (primarily genetics), and outreach education. No live takes from the wild would be authorized. The permit would be valid for five years from the date of issuance.

The NOAA Fisheries Northeast Region (File No. 17273) requests authorization to collect, receive and transport 100 dead shortnose and 100 dead Atlantic sturgeon, or parts thereof, annually. Researchers also request authorization for the receipt and transport of up to 350 captive bred, dead shortnose sturgeon and up to 75 dead, captive bred Atlantic sturgeon annually from any U.S. facility authorized to hold captive sturgeon. The applicant requests authorization for the receipt, importation, exportation, transfer, archive and analysis of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon parts and carcasses.

Sturgeon samples would be obtained from individuals authorized to collect them in the course of scientific research, salvage activities, or taken during other authorized activities. Sturgeon parts and samples would be used to support law enforcement actions, research studies (primarily genetics), and outreach education. The permit would be valid for five years from the date of issuance.

Dated: May 28, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC704

Endangered Species; File No. 17452

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

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 oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) 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 Malcolm Mohead, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to conduct a study in the Taunton River, Massachusetts, to assess the current population status of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon. For each species, up to 20 adult and juvenile animals would be collected annually using gill nets. Once captured, sturgeon would be measured, weighed, tissue sampled, and passive integrated transponder and Floy tagged. The proposed research would provide managers with a more comprehensive understanding of the presence, abundance, and distribution of protected sturgeon in Massachusetts waters and guide management efforts. The permit would be valid for five years from the date of issuance.

Dated: May 28, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC706

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Scientific and

Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold meetings.

DATES: The SSC meetings will be held June 19–20, 2013. The SSC will convene on June 19, 2013, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., and will reconvene on June 20, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Caribbean Fishery Management Council Headquarters, located at 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone: (787) 766–5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

June 19, 2013—9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Call to order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda

Review SEFSC re-analysis of queen and silk snapper based on SEDAR 26 data, including reviewing the assumptions of the new analysis and the most appropriate application of a control rule that would allow the estimation of quantitative ACL advice.

June 20, 2013—8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Continue discussion of the new SEFSC queen and silk snapper analysis.
- Review and comment on the final stock assessment reports for SEDAR 30 U.S. Caribbean Queen triggerfish. The report can be downloaded from the SEDAR Web site: http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/Sedar_Workshops.jsp?WorkshopNum=30
- Other business
- Adjourn meeting

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918, telephone (787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 28, 2013

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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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

8:30 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-Validated 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 Report Update
 - 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