

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to film marine mammals while documenting activities of Alaska Natives (with their permission) near Craig, Alaska. The goal is to film a harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*) hunt and the annual herring spawning for a short film and episode of MeatEater's "Cal in the Field," which will be available on their website and the MeatEater YouTube Channel. Up to 1000 harbor seals, 50 Steller sea lions of the eastern Distinct Population Segment (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and 50 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) may be filmed from land, boats, unmanned aircraft systems, snorkelers, and pole cameras. The filmmakers will film the seal hunt and the processing of the carcass, but will not interfere or participate in the activities. During the herring spawning, native Alaskans collect the fish eggs while many marine mammals also visit the area to feed on the eggs. Filming would occur over approximately 10 days from March through July. The permit would expire in July 2025.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 17, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Public Meetings of the Science Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of two meetings of the Science Advisory Board (SAB). The members will discuss issues outlined in the section on Matters to be considered.

**DATES:** There are two meetings: the first meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and April 27, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (EDT). The second meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) and July 27, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (PDT). These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change.

For the latest agenda please refer to the SAB website: <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings/>.

**ADDRESSES:** The April 26–27, 2023 meeting will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton Silver Spring Washington DC North, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD. The link for the webinar registration for the April 26–27, 2023 meeting may be found here, when available: <https://sab.noaa.gov/index.php/current-meetings/>.

The July 26–27, 2023 meeting will be at the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, 3535 Harbor Blvd., Suite 110, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. The link for the webinar registration for the July 26–27, 2023 meeting may be found here, when available: <https://sab.noaa.gov/index.php/current-meetings/>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

*Status:* The April 26–27, 2023 meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period at 5:30 p.m. (EDT). The July 26–27, 2023 meeting will have a 15-minute public comment period at 4:45 p.m. (PDT). The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three minutes. Written comments for the April 26–27, 2023 meeting should be received by April 14, 2023 and written comments for the July 26–27, 2023 meeting should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by July 14, 2023 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after these dates will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

*Special Accommodations:* These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the Executive Director no later than 12 p.m. on April 9 for the April 26–27, 2023 meeting and by no later than 12 p.m. on July 9 for the July 26–27, 2023 meeting.

*Matters to be Considered:* The meeting on April 26–27, 2023 will include the following topics: (1) the NOAA Update, (2) NOAA Science Update, (3) Presentation of the CWG Climate and Air Quality report, (4) Presentation on the NOAA Response to Leadership in Coastal Resilience Report, (5) Presentation on the CWG Emerging Hazards and Vulnerabilities report, (6) Presentation on NOAA Response to TSTAP 1st quadrennial report, and (7) Updates from SAB Working Groups.

The July 26–27, 2023 meeting will consider updates and reports and NOAA responses on topics contained in the SAB Work Plan. Meeting materials, including work products, will be made available on the SAB website: <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings/>.

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