

National Marine Fisheries Service
MMPA Section 120(f)
Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force Meeting

May 28, 2025

AGENDA

Video and Conference Call Information

Task Force members will receive separate instructions on joining the meeting.

Public attendees will be in listen-only mode. For those who plan to attend or provide public input, please join via the webinar link **and** call into the conference number below.

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9:45 Task Force members and audience, please login to the webinar or call-in to the conference line, before the start of the meeting

10:00 Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks – Robert Anderson, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)

10:15 Review Agenda, Task Force Logistics, and Ground Rules – Robert Anderson, NMFS

10:30 MMPA §120 Overview – Robert Anderson, NMFS

- MMPA §120 and §120(f)—Pinniped Removal Authority
- MMPA §120(f) program evaluation - March 7, 2024, summary
- Purpose of convening the Task Force
- Role of the Task Force (review)
- Charge to the Task Force (review)
- NMFS' expectations of the Task Force

- MMPA §120(f) decision-making process and timeframes
- Questions from the Task Force

MMPA §120(f) Application

- Proposed action
- Public comments received on the application
- Questions from the Task Force

11:05 Public Input – This is an opportunity for members of the public to present information regarding the pinniped-fishery interaction that may be of value to Task Force members. It is not a time for discussion with the Task Force.

- NMFS will announce opening of public input and solicit input.
- Depending upon the number of participants, NMFS may limit your time to permit as many members of the public an opportunity to provide input to the Task Force.

Note: We will move to the next agenda item at either 11:30 or when public input is finished, whichever is first.

11:30 BREAK

11:45 Task Force Deliberation - All

12:00 Task Force members recommendation on the eligible entities' application to renew the August 14, 2020, permit for five years for intentional lethal taking of sea lions in the MMPA Section 120(f) geographic area — **recommend to NMFS to either approve or deny the eligible entities' application**

12:50 Wrap Up and Next Steps – Robert Anderson, NMFS

- Review schedule and process for documenting meeting results and submitting the Task Force report, recommendation, and actions to NMFS

1:00 Adjourn