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The Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Mississippi, evaluation site visit will be held March 24–26, 2004. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 6:30 p.m., at the East Jackson County/Orange Grove Community Center, 9313 Old Stage Road, Moss Point, Mississippi.

The North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held March 29–April 2, 2004. Three public meetings will be held during the week. The first public meeting will be on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at 7 p.m., at the Currituck County Satellite Office, 1123 Ocean Trail, Corolla, North Carolina. The second public meeting will be on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at 7 p.m., at the Duke University Marine Laboratory Auditorium, 135 Duke Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, North Carolina. The third public meeting will be held on Thursday, April 1, 2004, at 7 p.m., at the King Hall Auditorium, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Copies of states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the states, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted for each Program until 15 days after the last public meeting held for that Program. Please direct written comments to: Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM7, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When the evaluations are completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Connecticut and Rhode Island Coastal Management Programs. Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of coastal management programs, and the operation and management of NERRs.

The states of Connecticut and Rhode Island were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in

CZMA Section 303(2)(A)-(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM7, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM7, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3155, Extension 118.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419; Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

Dated: December 17, 2003.

Richard W. Spinrad,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Permits No. 774-1437, 914-1470, 782-1438 and 782-1446

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following Permits have been amended to extend the expiration dates:

774-1437-06 - The National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038, (Dr. Robert L. Brownell, Jr., Principal Investigator);

914-1470-02 - University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Biological Sciences, USM Box 5018, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 [Principal Investigator: Dr. Bobby L. Middlebrooks];

782-1438-07 and 782-1446-07 - National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, [Dr. Sue Moore, Principal Investigator (PI)]

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

All Permits - Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

782-1438-07 and 782-1466-07 - Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

774-1437 - Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018;

914-1470-02 - Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Amy Sloan (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendments have been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), 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 222-226).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

Tammy Adams,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Commercial Availability Request under the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

December 22, 2003.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements