

Friday, July 15, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Receive the Coral Management Committee report.

10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – Receive the Joint Budget/Personnel Committee Report.

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Receive the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee Report.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Receive the joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committees Report.

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Receive the NRC Recreational Data Meeting report.

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Other Business.

Committee

Monday, July 11, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. – The Scientific and Statistical (SSC) Selection Committee will meet in closed session to appoint SSC members.

8:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. – The Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee will meet to develop the structure of the Ad Hoc Red Grouper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) AP.

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – The Coral Management Committee will meet to review the recommendations of the Coral SSC on coral reef research and other matters.

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – The Joint Budget/Personnel Committee will meet to consider options recommended by staff under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) revision to the SOPPs.

1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – The Reef Fish Management Committee will review the new red snapper stock assessment conducted under the SouthEast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, which yields a peer-reviewed assessment. They will also review the recommendations of the SSC, SEP and Red Snapper AP on this assessment. The Committee will review Draft Reef Fish Amendment 26 for a red snapper IFQ program and select their preferred alternatives for management measures for public hearings. The Reef Fish Management Committee will review public hearing summaries, public letters, AP recommendations, SSC recommendations, Federal recommendations and committee recommendations on Reef Fish Amendment 18A/EA, which addresses the grouper fishery and make recommendations to Council. The Committee will then review public hearing comments on the interim red grouper rule and select preferred alternatives for a regulatory amendment

that will be presented at public hearings in August.

Tuesday, July 12, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – The Reef Fish Management Committee resumes.

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. – The Shrimp Management Committee will hear a presentation on bycatch reduction devices (BRDs), review a preliminary scoping document on Amendment 14 and hear a report on the status of shrimp stocks.

4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will meet to consider the recommendations of the Ecosystem SSC and to develop recommendations to Congress on amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – The joint Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee continues.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committees will review public hearing summaries, public letters, AP recommendations, SEP comments, SSC recommendations and committee recommendations on Final Generic Amendment for Extension of Charter Vessel Permit Moratorium and make recommendations to the Council.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (M-SFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the

Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 27, 2005.

Dated: June 23, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062305C]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council)/Board of Fisheries (BOF) Interim Joint Protocol committee will meet on July 14, 2005, at Anchorage at the Hilton Hotel.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 14, 2005, from 8:30am – 5 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 w 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

A further review of the BOF proposals for a State water pollock fishery in the Central and Western GOA areas and the Aleutian Islands a review of additional information on the pollock fisheries in these regions, information on P cod harvests in these areas, and additional information on Steller sea lions receive a report from NMFS on their preliminary review of a revised proposal for a state water pollock fishery in the Central GOA continued work to refine the proposals and determine what steps need to be taken next.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

June 23, 2005

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121504B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit for incidental take of threatened species.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on June 9, 2005, as authorized by the provisions of the Endangered Species Act, NMFS issued a permit (PRT-1488) to the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Eureka, California subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after NMFS determined that it was applied for in good faith, that granting the permit will not be to the disadvantage of the threatened species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Endangered Species Act, as amended.

DATES: Effective June 9, 2005 through June 9, 2055.

ADDRESSES: Additional information on this permit action may be requested by contacting NOAA Fisheries, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521 (phone: 707-825-5160, fax: 707-825-4840). The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Clancy, Arcata, CA (phone: 707-825-5175, fax: 707-825-4840, e-mail: John.P.Clancy@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 1, 2003, a notice was published in the Federal Register (68 FR 148, August 1, 2003), that an application had been filed with the National Marine Fisheries Service by the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, Eureka, California, for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539), as amended, Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho Salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), California Coastal Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and Northern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) on the

Mad River pursuant to the terms of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Habitat Conservation Plan for its Mad River Operations.

Dated: June 21, 2005.

Susan Pultz,

Acting Division Chief, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.060905A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1073-1777

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Kathy Carlstead, Honolulu Zoo, 151 Kapahulu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96815, has been issued a permit to import marine mammal specimens for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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)427-2521; and

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 24, 2005, notice was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 3365) that a request for a scientific research permit to import samples from marine mammal species under NMFS jurisdiction had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The Holder is authorized to import into the United States approximately 24 blood samples, 150 fecal samples, and 150 saliva samples from 3 captive false killer whales *Pseudorca crassidens* from Ocean Adventure in the Philippines.

The applicant will be studying stress in false killer whales using behavioral observations, non-invasive glucocorticoid assessment and analysis of blood profile panels. The permit has been issued for five years.

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

Dated: June 16, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061405D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 358-1787 and Permit No. 821-1588-02

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have applied in due form for a permit or permit amendment to conduct research on marine mammals:

File No. 358-1787: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, 1255 West 8th Street, Juneau, AK 99802 (Principal Investigator: Robert Smalls, Ph.D.); and Permit No. 821-1588-02: Texas A&M University, Department of Marine Biology, 5007 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551 (Principal Investigator: Randall Davis, Ph.D.).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before July 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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)427-2521;

Files 358-1787 and 821-1588: Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Alaska Region,