

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Sierra National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee for Madera County will meet on Monday, February 14, 2005. The Madera Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the Bass Lake Ranger District Office, North Fork, CA, 93643. The purpose of the meeting is: review the goals for FY 2005 RAC proposals and presentation of potential stewardship projects on the Sierra National Forest.

DATES: The Madera Resource Advisory Committee meeting will be held Monday, February 14, 2005. The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Madera County RAC meeting will be held at the Bass Lake Ranger District Office, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Martin, U.S.D.A., Sierra National Forest, Bass Lake Ranger District, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643, (559) 877-2218 ext. 3100; e-mail: dmartin05@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review of goals for FY 2005 RAC proposals; (2) presentation of potential stewardship projects on the forest.

Dated: February 4, 2005.

David W. Martin,

District Ranger, Bass Lake Ranger District.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020705B]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Habitat Committee (HC) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The HC meeting will be held Thursday, March 3, 2005, from 10 a.m. until approximately 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The HC meeting will be held at the Hotel Vintage Plaza, Burgundy Room, 422 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97205. Telephone: 800-263-2305.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Gilden, Associate Staff Officer; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the HC meeting is to review habitat-related issues on the agenda of the March 2005 Council meeting in Sacramento, California. Several of these agenda items relate to marine reserves. The HC will also discuss fish habitat issues associated with the Klamath River, and essential fish habitat issues associated with oyster culture.

No management actions will be decided by the HC. Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may come before the HC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 7, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.012805A]

Endangered Species; File No. 1516

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Thomas F. Savoy, CT Department of Environmental Protection, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, Connecticut, 06371, has applied in due form for a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before March 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The application 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 Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9328; fax (978)281-9394.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1516.

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

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 222-226).

Mr. Savoy is seeking a permit to enable the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to conduct scientific research on shortnose sturgeon in the three major rivers in the state. Annually, 450 fish would be captured via gill net, trammel net, and trawl; measured; PIT tagged; and

released in the Connecticut River between river kilometers 0 and 140. A subset of 100 would also be gastric lavaged, a subset of 50 would also have a pectoral fin ray removed, and a subset of 25 would also have a sonic/radio tag attached. Annually, 300 eggs and larvae would be collected by D-net.

Additionally, 50 fish annually would be captured via gill net, trammel net, and trawl; measured, PIT tagged; and released in either the Thames or Housatonic Rivers. Mr. Savoy is seeking authorization for these activities for five years from the date of permit issuance.

Dated: February 4, 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. 020305A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1587

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

ACTION: Addendum to amendment request.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Long Marine Lab, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California at Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, has requested an addendum to an amendment request to scientific research Permit No. 984-1587-03.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before March 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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

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

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources,

NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 984-1587-04.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An addendum to the amendment to Permit No. 984-1587-03, published on December 28, 2004 (69 FR 77732), is requested 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).

Permit No. 984-1587-03 authorizes the permit holder to examine the physiological responses of two adult male dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and five adult female California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) during swimming and diving. Testing involves measuring locomotor, thermal, and maintenance costs using voluntary behaviors through training at Long Marine Laboratory. Research activities have been completed for the three adult California sea lions authorized under previous versions of this permit.

The original amendment request was to supplement the current research program on otariid reproductive energetics with two juvenile California sea lions born at Long Marine Laboratory. The addendum requests the addition of research activities on 30 male and 30 female juvenile California sea lions undergoing rehabilitation at The Marine Mammal Center.

Measurements of morphology, blood panels, and blood volume will be compared between the animals at Long Marine Lab and the animals at The Marine Mammal Center to investigate growth trends.

The applicant is also requesting an amendment to investigate the formation of acoustically driven bubbles in critical tissues in bottlenose dolphins in relation to recent mass stranding events. This research will be accomplished by

measuring nitrogen loading and off loading during exercise trials of the two dolphins in captivity at Long Marine Lab. An amended permit for both projects is requested for three years.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 4, 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. 012805B]

Marine Mammals; Photography Permit Application No. 1074-1779

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology (Marc Dantzker, Principal Investigator), Macaulay Library, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial/educational photography of several species of non-listed marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before March 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a