

are available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/csspab/>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 11, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., March 12, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., and March 13, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Bethesda Hyatt Regency Hotel, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue (One Bethesda Metro Center), Bethesda, MD 20814.

Agenda

- Welcome and Overview
- ISPAB Work Plan Updates
- Development of E-Authentication Panel Agenda
- NIST Information Technology Laboratory Briefings
- Update by OMB on Privacy and Security Issues
- Briefing on Agency GPEA Implementation
- Update on USPS Business Impact Assessment Project
- Agenda Development for June 2003 ISPAB Meeting
- Wrap-Up

Note that agenda items may change without notice because of possible unexpected schedule conflicts of presenters.

Public Participation: The Board agenda will include a period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments and questions from the public. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact the Board Secretariat at the telephone number indicated below. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the Board at any time. Written statements should be directed to the ISPAB Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930. It would be appreciated if 35 copies of written material were submitted for distribution to the Board and attendees no later than March 7, 2003. Approximately 15 seats will be available for the public and media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joan Hash, Board Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, telephone: (301) 975-3357.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022003C]

International Whaling Commission; Call for Nominations

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

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: This notice is a call for nominees for the U.S. Delegation to the June 2003 International Whaling Commission (IWC) annual meeting.

DATES: All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting must be received by April 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting should be addressed to Rolland Schmitt, U.S. Commissioner to the IWC, and sent via post to: Chris Yates, 13727, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Prospective Congressional advisors to the delegation should contact the Department of State directly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Yates, 301-713-2322, Extension 114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. commissioner has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations.

The IWC is hosting its 55th annual meeting from June 16-19, 2003, in Berlin, Germany.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

Laurie K. Allen,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022403A]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, from 1 to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Marriott's Grand Hotel, One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL; telephone: 251-928-9201.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The LEAP will convene to review an Options Paper for Amendment 13 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP) that includes alternatives to improve the bycatch reporting methodology and to further reduce bycatch from shrimp trawling. The LEAP will also review an Options Paper for Amendment 18 to the Reef Fish FMP that includes a variety of options including: changes to the allowable gear, gear and fishery endorsements, vessel monitoring systems, permit reductions, closed areas, closed seasons, and rebuilding plans for some overfished species. An Options Paper for Amendment 21 to the Reef Fish FMP that includes alternatives for maintaining, eliminating, or modifying the current marine reserves known as the Madison-Swanson and Steamboat Lumps sites off the west coast of Florida will also be reviewed by the LEAP. The LEAP will discuss a preliminary Scoping Paper for Amendment 15 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP that will look at possibly adding additional species to the FMP or its management unit, prohibition of recreational sales, bag and size limits for cobia, and a standardized bycatch reporting methodology. Other items to be considered by the LEAP include penalties for Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) violations and the current status of regulatory actions that have previously been submitted for approval by NMFS.

The LEAP consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf states as well as NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and NOAA's General Counsel. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 11, 2003.

Dated: February 24, 2003.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022403B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Herring Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel in March 2003, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone. Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on March 19, 2003, and March 25, 2003. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates, times, locations and agendas.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Portland, ME, and Danvers, MA.

Council address: 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA, 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 978-465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates, Times, Locations and Agendas

On Wednesday, March 19, 2003, the Herring Advisory Panel Meeting will meet at 10 a.m. at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: 207-775-2311. The Panel will review results of the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee (TRAC) assessment of the herring resource. They will identify issues for inclusion in the scoping document for Amendment 2 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). (Amendment 1 will address Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) issues separately.) They will also review a timeline for preparation of annual specifications and Amendment 2 development.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2003, the Herring Oversight Committee Meeting will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA, 01923; telephone: 978-777-2500. The oversight committee will review results of the TRAC assessment of the herring resource. They will finalize a list of issues to be included in the scoping document for Amendment 2 to the Herring FMP (Amendment 1 will address EFH issues separately). They will also discuss the timeline and location of the Amendment 2 scoping meetings. They will review timeline for preparation of annual specifications and Amendment 2 development.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may come before these groups 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 Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations, sign language interpretation, or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: February 24, 2003.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021403D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 559-1442

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Salvatore Cerchio, Department of Biology and Museum of Zoology, 1109 Geddes Ave. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1079, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 559-144200 to extend the expiration date through June 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for re-view 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)713-0376; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of 50 CFR 216.39 of 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.*), the provisions of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 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.