governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant has requested a 5–year permit to conduct studies of basic hearing and echolocation in up to three bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and one false killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*) in captivity at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology. Researchers would conduct hearing measurements using suction cup sensors to monitor electrical signals in the brain in response to sound and echolocation clicks. The research is accomplished using trained behaviors in which the animals voluntarily participate in the activities and can leave the testing area at any time.

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: September 26, 2006.

P. Michael Payne,

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. 092606H]

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 meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to convene via conference call.

DATES: The conference call will be held October 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via conference call and listening stations will be available. For specific locations see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold a conference call to

potentially reconsider a motion to table further action on Amendment 27 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP)/Amendment 14 to the Shrimp FMP until December 31, 2006.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Actions of the Council will be restricted to the issue specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

The conference call will begin at 10 a.m. EDT and conclude no later than 12 noon EDT. Listening stations are available at the following locations: The Gulf Council office (see **ADDRESSES**), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) offices as follows:

Galveston, TX

4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551; Contact: Rhonda O'Toole, (409) 766–3500;

St. Petersburg, FL

263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; Contact: Stephen Holiman, (727) 551–5719; and

Panama City, FL

3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408; Contact: Janice Hamm, telephone: (850) 234–6541.

Special Accommodations

The conference call is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 26, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092606E]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

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

DATES: The GAC meeting will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed. The GAC will reconvene Thursday, October 19, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. until their business is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GAC meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River-Jantzen Beach, Glisan Room, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217; telephone: (503) 283–4466.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the GAC meeting is to develop draft alternatives for allocating Pacific Coast groundfish stocks and stock complexes to the various West Coast fishery sectors for analysis. No management actions will be decided by the GAC. The GAC's role will be development of recommendations and alternatives for analysis for consideration by the Council at its November 2006 meeting in Del Mar, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GAC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GAC action during this meeting. GAC 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 GAC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for