

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

PROPOSED REGULATION GOVERNING  
THE TAKING OF COOK INLET, ALASKA, BELUGA  
WHALES BY ALASKA NATIVES

**DOCKET NUMBER**

000922272-0272-01

**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

NOAA having filed its Final Harvest Plan and in consideration of the need for a hearing to consider adoption of such plan, the following procedures are ordered:

1. As previously ordered, the hearing in this matter commences at 9:00 a.m. on August 2, 2004 at the United States District Court in Anchorage, AK. All testimony will be presented at that time.
2. Parties must submit any documentary evidence and a written copy of proposed witness testimony no later than July 15, 2004. Any comments or objections to the NMFS proposed final plan that were filed with the court on or about May 3, 2004, must be submitted on or before July 15, 2004 for inclusion. Any rebuttal or reply to comments, objections, or proposed written testimony must be filed on or before July 22, 2004.
3. Any interested person must file a request to make oral comments on the record by filing a written copy of such comments with the court no later than July 15, 2004. Failure to submit such comments will result in that individual not being allowed to present testimony at the hearing. Each individual allowed to testify at the hearing will be restricted by a time limit established by the court at the time of the hearing. Testimony of interested persons is scheduled for the afternoon of August 3, 2004.

SO ORDERED,

Done and dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004  
Alameda, California.



HON. PARLEN L. MCKENNA  
Administrative Law Judge

