

National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). The following lists the CMP and reserve to be evaluated and the dates of the site visit: Virgin Islands CMP, July 29—August 2, 1991; and the Wells (Maine) NERR, July 22—26, 1991.

Evaluation of coastal management programs will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972, as amended, which requires a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to coastal management. The CZMA requires detailed findings regarding the extent to which a state has implemented and enforced the coastal management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, addressed the coastal management needs identified in section 303(2)(A) through (K), and adhered to the terms of any grant, loan, or cooperative agreement funded under the CZMA. Evaluation of National Estuarine Research Services will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA, which require periodic review of a reserve's operation and management. The CZMA requires detailed findings regarding the extent to which a state has implemented the federally approved management plan for a NERR, and adhered to the terms of any grant, loan, or cooperative agreement funded under the CZMA. These reviews involve consideration of public comments, a site visit to the state, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and with members of the public. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit.

Notice is hereby given on the date, time, and location of a public meeting(s) for each of the site visits.

(1) The public meetings for the Virgin Islands evaluation will be Monday, July 29, 1991, at 7 p.m., St. Thomas, Legislative Conference Room, Charlotte Amalie; Wednesday, July 31, 1991, at 7 p.m., St. Croix, Legislative Conference Room, Christened; and Thursday, August 1, 1991, at 7 p.m., St. Johns, Boulon Center, Cruz Bay.

(2) The public meeting for the Wells NERR (Maine) will be Tuesday, July 23, 1991, at 7 p.m., at the Wells NERR Visitor Center, Wells, Maine.

The respective states will issue notice of these meetings in local newspapers at least 45 days prior to the site visit. Copies of each state's most recent performance report, as well as OCRM's notification and supplemental request letter to the state, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from all interested parties regarding each of these programs are encouraged at this time. Public comment will be accepted until seven days after the site

visit. OCRM will place a subsequent notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the availability of the Final Findings based on the evaluation. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO DIRECT COMMENTS, CONTACT: Vickie Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20235 (202/673-5100).

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Identification of Candidate Species for Listing Under the Endangered Species Act

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of modification of list of candidate species.

SUMMARY: NMFS identifies marine species as candidates for possible addition to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. NMFS is soliciting information concerning the status of these species and nominations of additional species that appear to warrant listing consideration. This notice is not a proposal for listing and the involved species do not receive substantive or procedural protection under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. NMFS does, however, encourage Federal agencies and other appropriate parties to take these species into account in project planning.

DATES: Comments may be submitted until further notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Dr. Nancy Foster, Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean Wilkinson, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires determinations of whether species of wildlife and plants are endangered or threatened based on the best available

scientific and commercial data. "Species" include any species or subspecies of fish, wildlife or plant, and any distinct population segment of any vertebrate species that interbreeds when mature. NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service share responsibilities under the ESA. With some exceptions, NMFS is responsible for species that reside all or the major portion of their lifetime in marine waters. Candidate species are those species identified for listing consideration. NMFS will conduct a review of the status of each candidate species to determine if it warrants listing as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

NMFS requests comments and solicits information concerning the status of species in the accompanying table, especially in regard to past and present population status and distribution; threats affecting the species; and, if appropriate, identification of critical habitat. NMFS solicits nominations of additional species that appear to warrant listing consideration; information on taxonomic changes for any of the listed species; and more appropriate common names.

The previous list was published on August 31, 1988, at 53 FR 33516. Since then, the status of four species has been changed resulting in their removal from the list. The northern (Steller) sea lion was listed as threatened on November 26, 1990, at 55 FR 49204. The Indus River dolphin was listed as endangered on January 14, 1991, at 56 FR 1463. On May 2, 1990, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed that the Gulf of Mexico sturgeon be listed as threatened (55 FR 18357). A status review under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) had been completed for the northern fur seal prior to the publication of the previous list. Subsequently, the preparation of a draft conservation plan for the species in 1990 involved additional analysis. NMFS has determined that although the northern fur seal is depleted under the MMPA, its status does not warrant listing as either endangered or threatened.

With this notice, 27 species are added to the list of candidate species.

NMFS is currently reviewing additional species of coral that may be eligible for inclusion on the list of candidate species. To ensure that the list is complete, NMFS actively solicits biological information and recommendations on potential candidate species of coral.

NMFS intends to consider all data received in response to this notice, to make appropriate amendments to the

accompanying table, and to indicate intentions with regard to future listing actions.

In the following table of candidate species, the common name appears as

the first entry followed by the scientific name, the family name, and the area of distribution under consideration for listing.

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Common name	Scientific name	Family	Area under consideration
Marine Mammals			
Amazon River Dolphin ¹	<i>Inia geoffrensis</i>	Iniidae	South America.
Bottlenose Dolphin ²	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Delphinidae	U.S. Mid-Atlantic Coastal Stock.
Harbor Porpoise ³	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	.....do	Northwest Atlantic.
Beluga Whale ¹	<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	Monodontidae	AK (Cook Inlet population).
Ganges River Dolphin ¹	<i>Platanista gangetica</i>	Platanistidae	India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan.
La Plata Dolphin ¹	<i>Pontoporia blainvilliei</i>	Pontoporiidae	Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina.
Northern Bottlenose Whale	<i>Hyperoodon ampullatus</i>	Ziphiidae	North Atlantic.
Japanese Sea Lion	<i>Zalophus californianus japonicus</i>	Otariidae	Japan, North and South Korea.
Juan Fernandez Fur Seal	<i>Arctocephalus philippii</i>	.....do	Chile.
Kuril Seal	<i>Phoca vitulina stajnegeri</i>	Phocidae	USSR (Kuril Sea).
Saimaa Seal	<i>Phoca hispida saimensis</i>	.....do	Finland.
Reptiles			
Flatback Turtle	<i>Chelonia depressa</i>	Cheloniidae	Australia.
Fishes			
Gulf Surgeonfish [*]	<i>Acanthurus randalli</i>	Acanthuridae	Northeastern Gulf of Mexico.
Atlantic Sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus</i>	Acipenseridae	North America—Atlantic Coastal Waters.
Key Silverside [*]	<i>Menidia conchorum</i>	Atherinidae	Florida.
Coelacanth [*]	<i>Latimeria chalumne</i>	Coelacanthidae	Indian Ocean.
Saltmarsh Topminnow [*]	<i>Fundulus jenkinsi</i>	Cyprinodontidae	Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida.
River Goby [*]	<i>Awaous tajasica</i>	Gobiidae	Florida Population.
Slashcheek Goby [*]	<i>Gobionellus pseudofasciatus</i>	.....do	Do.
Tidewater Goby ²	<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>	.....do	California.
Delta Smelt [*]	<i>Hypomesus transpacificus</i>	Osmeridae	California.
Large-tooth Sawfish	<i>Pristis perotteti</i>	Pristidae	North and South America—Tropical and Sub-tropical Waters.
Smalltooth Sawfish	<i>Pristis pectinata</i>	.....do	Do.
Striped Croaker [*]	<i>Bairdiella sanctaeluciae</i>	Sciaenidae	Florida Population.
Monterey Mackerel [*]	<i>Scomberomorus concolor</i>	Scombridae	Gulf of California.
Blue Hamlet [*]	<i>Hypoplectrus gemma</i>	Serranidae	Florida Reef Tract.
Jewfish [*]	<i>Epinephelus itajara</i>	.....do	Coral Reefs in the Caribbean and Western North Atlantic.
Nassau Grouper [*]	<i>Epinephelus striatus</i>	.....do	Do.
Notchfin Schoolbass [*]	<i>Parasphyraenops incisus</i>	.....do	Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St. Croix.
Opposum Pipefish [*]	<i>Microphis brachyurus lineatus</i>	Syngnathidae	Northern Gulf of Mexico.
Mollusks			
Giant Clam	<i>Tridacna gigas</i>	Tridacnidae	Indo-Pacific.
Southern Giant Clam	<i>Tridacna derasa</i>	.....do	Do.
Coelenterates			
Starlet Sea Anemone	<i>Nematostella vectensis</i>	Edwardsiidae	U.K. and North America.
Coral			
Staghorn Coral [*]	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Acroporidae	Western Atlantic.
Elkhorn Coral [*]	<i>A. palmata</i>	Acroporidae	Western Atlantic.
Flower Coral [*]	<i>Eusmilla fastigiata</i>	Fabellidae	Western Atlantic.
Knobby Brain Coral [*]	<i>Diploria clivosa</i>	Favidae	Western Atlantic.
Grooved Brain Coral [*]	<i>D. labyrinthiformis</i>	.....do	Western Atlantic.
Pillar Coral [*]	<i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i>	Meandrinidae	Western Atlantic.
Ivory Bush Coral [*]	<i>Oculina diffusa</i>	Oculinidae	Western Atlantic.
Ivory Tree Coral [*]	<i>O. valenciennesi</i>	.....do	Western Atlantic.
Finger Coral [*]	<i>Porites furcata</i>	Poritidae	Western Atlantic.
Black corals ^{**}	<i>Antipathos spp.</i>	Order: Antipathara	Western Atlantic.
Plants			
Johnson's Seagrass ¹	<i>Halophila johnsonii</i>	Hydrocharitaceae	Florida.

* Indicates new addition to candidate species list.

¹ Status review under Endangered Species Act in progress.

² Status review under Marine Mammal Protection Act in progress.

³ Status review being conducted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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