

NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226.

Relevant written comments about this request should be submitted to the above address on or before May 22, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Hochman, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Enoshima Aquarium, Kanagawa, Japan, is requesting authorization for the export of two nonreleasable rehabilitated female California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) for the purpose of public display under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

The permanent retention or export for public display purposes of a beached or stranded marine mammal taken for the purpose of rehabilitation under section 109(h) of the MMPA must be authorized by NMFS. Under the 1994 amendments to the MMPA, in order to obtain any marine mammal for public display purposes, the recipient must: (1) Offer a program for education or conservation purposes that is based on professionally recognized standards of the public display community; (2) be registered or hold a license issued under 7 U.S.C. 2131 *et seq.*; i.e., from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (or, for foreign facilities, meet comparable standards); and (3) maintain facilities for the public display of marine mammals that are open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis and to which access is not limited or restricted other than by charging of an admission fee.

In this regard, the required certifications and statements provided by the Enoshima Aquarium and the Japanese Fisheries Agency have been submitted to NMFS and APHIS, and have been found appropriate and sufficient to allow consideration of the request.

Dated: April 17, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Division of Permits and Documentation, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 its Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel on May 3, 1995.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 3, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott Intercontinental Airport Hotel, 18700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Houston, TX 77032.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard J. Hoogland, Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda is as follows: Review and discuss fisheries-related studies by Texas A&M Sea Grant University, grass carp infestation into Texas estuaries, occurrence of an exotic brown mussel on the Texas coast, shrimp mariculture issues, Corps of Engineers activities concerning the Laguna Madre and other segments of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Houston/Galveston ship channel, as well as an update of the Wallisville project and Jefferson County beach nourishment.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Julie Krebs at the above address by April 26, 1995.

Dated: April 18, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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National Marine Fisheries Service; Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) from May 8 to May 10, 1995.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. May 8, 1995, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;
2. May 9, 1995, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and
3. May 10, 1995, 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Bethesda Ramada, 8400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD.

Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Management Services Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Wheeler, Executive Secretary; telephone: (301) 713-2259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1971, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of this Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fishermen, and environmental, state, consumer, academic, and other national interests.

Matters to be Considered

May 8, 1995—Subcommittee Meetings

- (1) Steering Committee;
 - (2) Marine Recreational Fisheries Committee;
 - (3) Protected Resources/Habitat Committee;
 - (4) Seafood Markets and Trade Committee; and,
 - (5) Commercial Fisheries Committee.
- May 9, 1995*
- (1) Report of subcommittees;
 - (2) Report of Bycatch Task Force on research findings;
 - (3) Report on the NMFS budget(s); and
 - (4) Report on the Status of the NMFS Charter.

May 10, 1995

- (1) Report on the NMFS Habitat Program: Status and water quality issues;
- (2) Report on the Wetland Restoration Program;
- (3) Examination of the wetland construction processes;
- (4) Report on the status of bycatch-related legislation; and
- (5) Open panel discussion.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: April 17, 1995.

Gary Matlock,

Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting on May 4, 1995. The main objective of this meeting is to review fishing mortality rate reduction strategies for summer flounder.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 4, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Essington Room, 45 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA; telephone: (610) 521-2400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901; telephone (302) 674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 18, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P66J).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has applied in due form for a permit to take Steller and California sea lions for the purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 22, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK, 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

The applicant seeks authorization to take a maximum of 125 Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) by trapping, darting, sampling, and gas anesthesia (including a maximum of 20 by recapture for follow-up blood sampling and removal of instruments); a maximum of 400 Steller pups over 6 months old by hand capture, gas anesthesia, and marking; a maximum of 10,000 Stellers by harassment during the course of capturing suitable animals; a maximum of 15 Stellers by unintentional mortality during the course of capture and chemical immobilization and salvaged specimens of stranded animals, premature pups, and mortalities associated with this and other research activities. The applicant also seeks authorization to take up to 30 rehabilitated California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) by injection with experimental immobilization drugs and a maximum of 3 for unintentional mortality. All takes will be over a 5-year period. The applicant proposes to

initiate this work on June 15, 1995. The objectives of this research are to test and develop safe protocol for chemical restraint, determine movements, habitat usage and commercial fishery interactions, compare condition indices between eastern and western stocks, determine dispersal area and extent of mixing of eastern and western stock pups, and develop safe winter capturing methods of sea lions.

Dated: April 17, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits & Documentation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit No. 951 (P580).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Carole A. Conway, 407 Garces Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132, has been issued a permit to import two blue whale skin samples (*Balaenoptera musculus*) (approximate weight 100-200 mg) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment, in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, #4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4015).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 23, 1995, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 10067) that a request for a scientific research permit to import blue whale skin samples had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), 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.*), and the Regulations Governing Endangered Species Permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Issuance of this permit as required by the ESA was based on a finding that