

ACTION: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council was established in December 1933 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

TIME AND PLACE: Friday, August 25, 1995, from 8:30 until 4:30. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 611 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, California.

AGENDA: General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager, reports from the working groups, an update on the Sanctuary license plate marketing program, and a discussion about improving public relation efforts for the Sanctuary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

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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. 966 (P586).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Continental Shelf Associates (Principal Investigator: Stephen Viada), 759 Parkway Street, Jupiter, FL 33477-9596 has been issued a permit to take the marine mammals and sea turtles listed below for purposes of scientific research.

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

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

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 5, 1995, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 17315) that a request for a scientific research permit to take cetaceans and sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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 (ESA), 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 permit authorized the holder to take by close approach (within 650 ft (198 m)) of a fixed-wing aircraft at a speed of 80-140 mph (128-220 km/h) an unspecified number of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, (*Tursiops truncatus*), common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*), harbor porpoise (*phocoena*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), Atlantic white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), long-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala melana*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), pygmy sperm whales (*Kogia breviceps*), dwarf sperm whales (*Kogia simus*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), dense beaked whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Antillean beaked whales (*Mesoplodon europaeus*), true's beaked whales (*Mesoplodon mirus*), white whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*), sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), sei whales (*Balaenoptera borealis*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), Northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), Bryde's whales (*Balaenoptera edeni*), and pygmy killer whales (*Feresa attenuata*), 180 leatherback sea turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and 270 loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*) to document presence, density, and distribution. Surveys will be conducted through October 1996 in Norfolk, VA, and Mayport, FL, and will

encompass the continental shelf edge (300-600 ft (91-213 m) depth contours). The results of the aerial survey will provide an adequate biological assessment of the two proposed survey areas with respect to habitat utilization by marine mammals and marine turtles and aid in selecting a candidate site for shock testing the SEAWOLF submarine.

Issuance of this permit, 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 species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 2, 1995.

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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 modification to permit no. 778 (P772#59).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on August 3, 1995, Permit No. 778, issued to the NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA 92038, was modified.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of §§ 216.33(d) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR