

2W, provided the above-mentioned monitoring and reporting requirements are incorporated. NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed launches of the Delta II at SLC-2W would result in the harassment taking of only small numbers of harbor seals and possibly other pinniped species, will have a negligible impact on pinniped stocks in the SCB and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these stocks for subsistence uses.

Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, information, and suggestions concerning this request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: August 15, 1995.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee, and its Large Pelagic/Sharks Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 5-6, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Days Inn Philadelphia Airport, 4101 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, telephone 216-492-0400.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 5, the Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On September 6, the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and the Large Pelagic/Sharks Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss surf clam and ocean quahog

overfishing definitions, review staff recommendations for 1996 specifications for Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish, review SSC and industry comments, and consider shark and swordfish limited entry.

Special Accommodations

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 (302) 674-2331 at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: August 14, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting 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 to modify permit no. 836 (P79F).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Institute of Marine Science, University of California, Santa Cruz, (Principal Investigators: Dr. Burney J. Le Boeuf, Dr. C. Leo Ortiz, Dr. Daniel P. Costa) has requested a modification to permit No. 836.

ADDRESSES: The modification request 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); and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, 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 modification 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 modification to permit No. 836, issued on May 12, 1993, as amended on June 29, 1994, is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 836 authorizes the permit holder to incidentally harass up to 69,950 elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) while conducting a variety of scientific studies such as tagging, capture/release, marking, weighing, measuring and sampling, attaching electronic instruments, translocation, and energetics experiments.

The permit holder requests authorization to: (1) Obtain biopsy samples from juvenile elephant seals for examination of muscle structure as it relates to aerobic capacity; (2) change release site from Point Sur to up to 5 miles (8 km) from Pioneer Seamount, approximately 70 miles (112 km) west of Half Moon Bay for studies of the effect of low frequency sound on translocated seals; and (3) import up to 300 adult female, 300 weaned pup and 50 adult male southern elephant seal tissue samples from Peninsula Valdez, Patagonia, Argentina.

Dated: August 14, 1995.

Gary Barone,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification to scientific research permit no. 866 (P537).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Fred Sharpe, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5A 1S6 has been issued a modification to permit no. 866.

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