

and concluding at 5:00 p.m. on November 1.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center Laboratory, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL; telephone: 305-361-4284.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Socioeconomic Assessment Panel (SEP) will review available social and economic information on the Gulf of Mexico red snapper fishery. The SEP will assess the social and economic implications of the levels of allowable biological catch (ABC) recommended by the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel. The SEP will then recommend to the Council level(s) of total allowable catch for the 1996 red snapper season.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cathy Readinger at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 11, 1995.

Dated: September 20, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, 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.

DATES: This meeting will be held on October 18, 1995, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Quality Inn Beachside, 931 Highway 182 West, Gulf Shores, AL; telephone: 334-948-6874.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401

West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Biologist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel will review a draft amendment that contains alternatives for modifying the Federal rules affecting mackerels and cobia. Public hearings will be held on this amendment throughout the Gulf area in December. The panel will also review and comment on the enforceability of proposed rules for implementing an individual transferable quota system for the commercial red snapper fishery. The panel will advise the Council on the enforceability of proposed Federal fishing rules.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cathy Readinger at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 11, 1995.

Dated: September 20, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public meeting with its Council members via conference call.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 6, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. eastern standard time.

ADDRESSES: The listening phone locations will be as follows:

1. St. Petersburg, FL—NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702; telephone: (813) 570-4301.

2. Charleston, SC—South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699; telephone: (803) 571-4366.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; One

Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the golden crab emergency action requested by the Council at its August meeting. The emergency action, if implemented by the Secretary of Commerce, would divide the golden crab fishery into three zones, provide criteria for access, and require vessel permits and 100 percent logbook reporting.

The proposed zones in the emergency action are as follows:

Northern Zone—North Carolina/Virginia border to the Volusia/Flagler line (29°25' N. lat.)

Middle Zone—29°25' N. lat. to 25° N. lat.

Southern Zone—South of 25° N. lat. to the South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council border.

Criteria for access into the fishery would be documented landings by April 7, 1995, for access into the middle and southern zones and documented landings by September 1, 1995, for access into the northern zone. Documented landings must come from the Council's area of jurisdiction.

The Council also will discuss withdrawing the emergency action request and proceeding expeditiously with the fishery management plan.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Susan Buchanan at the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 2, 1995.

Dated: September 22, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Weather Service (NWS) is publishing proposed certifications to consolidate the:

(1) Residual New Orleans Weather Service Office (WSO) into the future

- New Orleans/Baton Rouge Weather Forecast Office (WFO);
 (2) Residual Tulsa WSO into the future Tulsa WFO;
 (3) Residual Oklahoma City WSO into the future Oklahoma City WFO; and
 (4) Residual Phoenix WSO into the future Phoenix WFO.

In accordance with Public Law 102-567, the public will have 60 days in which to comment on these proposed certifications.

DATES: Comments are requested by November 27, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed consolidation packages can be sent to Janet Gilmer, Room 12316, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, telephone 301-713-0276. All comments should be sent to Janet Gilmer at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Scanlon at 301-713-1413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NWS anticipates consolidating:

- (1) The residual New Orleans WSO with the future New Orleans/Baton Rouge WFO;
- (2) The residual Tulsa WSO with the future Tulsa WFO;
- (3) The residual Oklahoma City WSO with the future Oklahoma City WFO; and
- (4) The residual Phoenix WSO with the future Phoenix WFO.

In accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that these consolidations will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility and must publish the proposed consolidation certifications in the FR. The documentation supporting each proposed certification includes the following:

(1) A draft memorandum by the Meteorologist in Charge recommending the certification, the final of which will be endorsed by the Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);

(2) A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather services provided within the service area;

(3) A comparison of the services provided within the service area and the services to be provided after such action;

(4) A description of any recent or expected modernization of NWS operation which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) An identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the next generation weather radar network;

(6) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, User Confirmation of Services Report, and the Decommissioning Readiness Report; and

(7) A letter appointing the Liaison Officer.

These proposed certifications do not include any report of the Committee which could be submitted in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707^c of Public Law 102-567. At its September 14, 1995, meeting, the Committee concluded that the information presented did not reveal any potential degradation of service at any office and decided not to issue any report. The Committee did offer a recommendation on these proposed certifications, which is attached to this notice.

Documentation supporting the proposed certifications is too voluminous to publish in its entirety. Copies of the supporting documentation can be obtained through the contact listed above.

Attached to this Notice are:

(1) Draft memoranda by the respective Meteorologists in Charge recommending the certifications, and

(2) The Committee's recommendation on these proposed certifications.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certifications. If decisions to certify are made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish the final certifications in the FR and transmit the certifications to the appropriate congressional committees prior to consolidating the offices.

Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

Modernization Transition Committee
 Completion of Initial Consultation on
 Proposed Consolidation for Oklahoma City,
 Phoenix, Tulsa and New Orleans

The Modernization Transition Committee (MTC) has reviewed the proposed consolidation certifications for Oklahoma City, Phoenix, Tulsa, and New Orleans and has determined that these actions will not result in degradation of services. We request documentation that all identified work-arounds have been adequately addressed prior to final certification.

In addition, the committee makes the following observations and recommendations to further enhance service to emergency management personnel throughout the nation:

(1) The National Weather Service Modernization Transition Committee has reviewed a number of comments from local emergency management personnel concerning the availability of weather information. These comments have included references to not understanding the information now available, and not being able to afford the corresponding cost.

Although these issues are beyond the purview of this Committee we are concerned with the issues behind these complaints. We feel that every emergency management office should have access to appropriate weather information, regardless of the size and financial condition of the community. Therefore, we urge the National Weather Service, Federal Emergency Management Agency and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to address these issues as part of their joint project addressing weather information needs of the emergency management community.

Dated: September 14, 1995.

Peter R. Leavitt,

Chair, Modernization Transition Committee.

Memorandum for: Harry S. Hassel, Director,
 W/SR

From: Paul S. Trotter, MIC/AM, NWSFO LIX
 Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
 Certification

A change of operations occurred at the New Orleans Weather Service Forecast Office (WSFO) in February, 1994, when most personnel were transferred to the facility of the future New Orleans/Baton Rouge Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Slidell, Louisiana, to operate the WSR-88D and assume forecast and warning responsibility for the New Orleans/Baton Rouge service area. At the same time, this office has been designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) at the original WSFO location to continue operating the existing WSR-57 radar.

After the review of the attached documentation and in my professional judgement, I have determined that consolidation of the old New Orleans Weather Service Forecast Office with the new modernized New Orleans/Baton Rouge Weather Service Forecast Office will not result in any degradation in weather services to the New Orleans service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance announcement provided in the National Implementation Plan. I am requesting your recommendation and approval of the certification in accordance with Section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur with this action, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday, Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the evidence and application of the modernization criteria noted for consolidation of a field office.

In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the New Orleans service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing services which address these factors and concerns from the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Weather Service Forecast Office will not degrade these services.

2. A list of services currently provided within the New Orleans service area from the old New Orleans site and services to be provided from the new New Orleans/Baton Rouge location after consolidation is included in attachment B. Comparison of these services shows all current services provided will continue after the proposed consolidation. The enclosed map shows the old New Orleans Area of Responsibility and the new New Orleans/Baton Rouge Area of Responsibility. As noted below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service operations which enhance services in the New Orleans service area is included as attachment C. The new and improved technology inclusive of ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS, etc. has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet over Louisiana and parts of Mississippi is included as attachment D. National Weather Service operational radar coverage for the specific area will be increased and no area will be under-represented or missed due to inappropriate coverage.

5. The following evidence, based on operational demonstration of the modernized National Weather Service operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service.

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report, attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications and acceptance test; is fully operational (satisfactory operation in system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated National Weather Service forecasting and warning services); a full set of backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; spare parts, test equipment, and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Base level training is in place and ongoing training continues. National Workarounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents one negative comment was received. The negative comment was addressed and answered to the satisfaction of the user as stated in the Service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies the existing New Orleans WSR-57 radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the New Orleans/Baton Rouge service area is included as attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee

(Attachment I) and the public comments received during the comment period (Attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (Attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Harry S. Hassel, Director, Southern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Harry S. Hassel

Date

Attachments

Memorandum for: Harry S. Hassel, Director,
Southern Region

From: Dennis H. McCarthy, MIC, NWSFO
Norman, OK

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

A change of operations occurred at the Oklahoma City Weather Service Forecast Office (WSFO) in 1987 when most of the personnel were transferred to the facility for the future Oklahoma City Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Norman for operation of the WSR-88D and assumption of forecast and warning responsibility for the Oklahoma City service area. The office at the original WSFO location was designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) and continued to be the site for recording surface observations and operating the WSR-57 radar.

Based on the attached documentation, I have determined that, in my professional judgment, consolidation of the Oklahoma City Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) with the future Oklahoma City Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Norman will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Oklahoma City area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending that you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Oklahoma City service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the Oklahoma City WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of services traditionally provided within the Oklahoma City service area and a list of services to be provided from the Oklahoma City WFO location at Norman after consolidation is included in attachment B. It

should be noted that virtually all public services and forecast and warning services were moved to the future WFO site in Norman between 1987 and 1992 as part of a national modernization risk reduction activity. Comparison of these services shows that all services will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the RWSO area of responsibility (i.e. "affected service area") and the future WFO Oklahoma City area of responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the RWSO Oklahoma City service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of ten thousand feet for Oklahoma and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the specific service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based on operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation in service.

A. The WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test); is fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed, but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents that only three negative comments were received. All of those have been answered to the satisfaction of the commentors as stated in the Service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing Oklahoma City WSR-57 radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Oklahoma City service area is included as attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition committee (Attachment I) and the public comments received during the comment period (Attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (Attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Harry S. Hassel, Director, Southern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Harry S. Hassel

Date _____

Attachments

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Tulsa, Oklahoma 74128-3050

Memorandum for: Harry S. Hassel, Director,
Southern Region

From: Donald R. Devore, MIC, NWSO Tulsa
Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

A change of operations occurred at the Tulsa Weather Service Office (WSO) in March, 1992 when most personnel were transferred to the facility of the future Tulsa Weather Forecast Office in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to operate the WSR-88D and assume forecast and warning responsibility for the Tulsa service area. At the same time, this office was designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) at the original WSO location to continue operating the existing WSR-74C radar and recording surface observations.

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgement, that consolidation of the Tulsa Weather Service Office (WSO) with the future Tulsa Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Tulsa service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Tulsa service area is included as Attachment A. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from Tulsa WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Tulsa service area from the Tulsa WSO location and a list of services to be provided from the Tulsa WFO location after consolidation is included as Attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO Tulsa Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Tulsa Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO Tulsa service area is included as Attachment C. The new Technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and

AWIPS) has been or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Oklahoma is included as Attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Tulsa service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service.

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report, Attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test); is fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, Attachment F, documents that only one negative comment was received. The negative comment has been answered to the satisfaction of the commentator as stated in the Service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, Attachment G, verifies that the existing Tulsa WSR-74C radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Tulsa service area is included as Attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (Attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (Attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (Attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Harry S. Hassel, Director, Southern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Harry S. Hassel.

Date _____

Attachments

NEXRAD Forecast Office

PAB 500

P.O. Box 52025

Phoenix, Arizona 85072-2025

Memorandum for: W/WR—Thomas D. Potter
From: Anton F. Haffer, Arizona Area
Manager

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

A change of operations occurred at the Phoenix Weather Service Forecast Office (WSFO) in May 1991 when most personnel were transferred to the facility of the future Phoenix Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Tempe, Arizona to operate the WSR-88D and assume forecast and warning responsibility

for the Phoenix service area. At the same time, the office at the original WSFO location was designated a Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) to continue operating the WSR-74C radar.

After reviewing the attached documentation, I have determined, in my professional judgment, consolidation of the Phoenix Residual Weather Service Office (RWSO) with the future Phoenix Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Phoenix service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, I am recommending that you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

My recommendation is based on my review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the pre-modernized Phoenix service area is included as attachment A. The Phoenix service area is unique with 24-hour per day responsibility for Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Maricopa, Mohave, Pinal, and Yavapai Counties, and part-time responsibility, generally night-time hours, for Apache, Coconino, La Paz, Navajo, and Yuma Counties. As discussed below, I find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the Phoenix WFO will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided from the Phoenix RWSO location and comparable services to be provided from the Phoenix WFO location after consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. ASOS observations are currently augmented by NWS personnel, with augmentation scheduled to be taken over by a contractor. I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the pre-modernized Phoenix service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has, or will be, installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned WSR-88D coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Arizona is included as attachment D. The NWS operational radar coverage for the Phoenix WFO service area will be vastly increased and will not degrade services.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in

concluding there will be no degradation of service.

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report, attachment E, validates that the WSR-88D meets technical specifications (acceptance test); is fully operational satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed. There were two national work-arounds. One of these has been satisfied while the other one remains in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services, attachment F, documents that only one negative comment was received. The negative comment was answered to the satisfaction of the commentor as stated in the service Confirmation Report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the Phoenix WSR-74C radar is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Phoenix service area is included as attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____ the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, Thomas D. Potter, Director, Western Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

Thomas D. Potter

Date _____

Attachments

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a scientific research/enhancement permit (P45T).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has applied in due form for a permit to take listed species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application

must be received on or before October 30, 1995.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

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

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application requests a permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227). The applicant requests authorization to use captive shortnose sturgeon broodstock to generate progeny for physiological/behavioral studies, and investigations leading to the improvement of health, culture technique, and management of cultured and wild shortnose sturgeon. Some collection of wild shortnose sturgeon is requested for marking, population estimates, genetic and contaminant testing, gamete preservation, and spawning studies.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: September 21, 1995.

Russell J. Bellmer,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, 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 public display permit no. 975.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Children's Museum, Quebec J8X 4H2 Canada, (P592) has been issued a permit for public display purposes.

ADDRESSES: The permit is available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9731 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 (813/570-5301);

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

Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115 (206/526-6150).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Wednesday, July 19, 1995, notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 37054) that an application had been filed by the Children's Museum, Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier Street, Hull, Quebec J8X 4H2 Canada. A scientific research permit was requested to import 24 handicraft artifacts made all or in part from Harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*) for participation in a travelling exhibit at seven U.S. children's museums from July 1995 - October 1997. Upon the basis of further review of the application and the comments received, NMFS believes the applicant more appropriately meets the public display criteria and therefore has issued a public display permit subject to the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the conditions set forth therein.

Dated: September 22, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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