

hearing comments from the Mid-Atlantic region, then hear a report on spawning potential ratio and overfishing definitions. The Committees will review, revise, and approve measures for Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

April 9, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Councils' Mackerel Committees. The Committees will review, revise, and approve measures in Amendment 8 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

April 9, 1996, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Joint Snapper Grouper AP, Snapper Grouper Committee, and Controlled Access Committee. The Snapper Grouper AP, Snapper Grouper Committee and Controlled Access Committee will hear the Gag Grouper Assessment Report and the Status of Snowy Grouper and Golden Tilefish 1995/96 Catches. They will then review the draft options paper for Amendments 8 and 9 to the Snapper Grouper FMP and develop advisory panel recommendations for measures for the Council to take to public hearing.

April 10, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Joint Snapper Grouper AP and Snapper Grouper Committee. The Snapper Grouper AP and Committee will receive a Report of the Reef Fishery Economic Survey and a progress report on the Reef Sociocultural Survey. They will develop and approve Committee recommendations for Amendment 8 for public hearing.

April 10, 1996, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Controlled Access Committee. The Controlled Access Committee will review the draft options paper for Amendment 9 and develop and approve Committee recommendations for public hearing.

April 11, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Advisory Panel Selection Committee. The AP Selection Committee will meet in closed session to develop recommendations for the appointment of AP members.

April 11, 1996, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Council Session; 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon—The Council will receive a report from the Executive Committee and will consider and take action on Council development of a weakfish FMP. The Council will also consider taking emergency action for the Spanish mackerel commercial fishery.

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.—The Council will meet in closed session to receive the AP Selection Committee report, and to appoint new AP members.

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—The Council will receive the Mackerel Committee report, take public comment on Amendment 8 and take final action on Amendment 8. They will also receive a NMFS report on the status of king mackerel trip limit regulatory amendment.

3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—The Council will receive the Snapper Grouper Committee Report and approve measures in Amendment 8 for public hearing.

April 12, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Council Session; The Council will convene and receive the Controlled Access Committee report and approve measures in Amendment 9 for public hearing. They will hear reports on the ICCAT Advisory Committee meeting, and agency and liaison activities. The Council will also hear a presentation on the NMFS logbook program, regulatory amendment review and processing, and discuss other business.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) by April 3, 1996.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a commercial photography permit (P604).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Andrew Byatt, Great Natural Journeys, Natural History Unit, BBC, Whiteladies Road, Bristol, England BS8 2LR, has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of marine mammals for photographic purposes.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application 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

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802 (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, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Fairfield or Trevor Spradlin, Permits Division, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of section 104(c)(6) 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). Section 104(c)(6) provides for photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-depleted marine mammals in the wild. NMFS is currently working on proposed regulations to implement this provision. However, in the meantime, NMFS has received and is processing this request as a "pilot" application for Level B Harassment of non-listed and non-depleted marine mammals for photographic purposes. The applicant seeks authorization to photograph the following marine mammals: Gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*); California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*); and Northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*). The applicant proposes to initiate this work in the spring of 1996.

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

Dated: March 26, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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