

loans, grants, benefits, or contracts under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), the requirements of section 553 do not apply.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this notice of policy change because the notice was not required to be promulgated as a proposed rule before issuance in final form by 5 U.S.C. § 553 or by any other law. As a result, neither an initial nor final Regulatory Analysis was required, and none has been prepared.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice involves a collection of information which has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0640-0006.

Executive Order 12612

This policy statement does not contain policies with Federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism assessment under Executive Order 12612.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

Elio E. Muller, Jr.,

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Minority Business Development Agency.*

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051796D]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Agenda Addition

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

ACTION: Addition to meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council which is scheduled for June 11-16, 1996, in Portland, OR, was published on May 28, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for an addition to the meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: Portland Red Lion Hotel, 310 S.W. Lincoln, Portland, OR 97201.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial agenda published on May 28, 1996 (61

FR 13285). The following addition is to be included in the agenda for the Council meeting:

An initial review of a regulatory amendment to implement specific electronic reporting requirements for onshore and offshore processors will be added to the previously published agenda.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Transition From GOES TAP/GOES Fax Transmission of Satellite Imagery to Alternative Methods of Delivery

AGENCIES: National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the NESDIS and the NWS plan to transition from the current GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax (telephone-based) analog service to new digital-data transmission modes including NOAAPORT point-to-multipoint broadcast and the Internet. No changes will occur without several advance notifications. A minimum 6-month notification is planned for the user community.

ADDRESSES: Information concerning this Notice is available upon request. GOES-Tap users can send inquires to NESDIS, Satellite Services Division, 5200 Auth Road, Room 607, Camp Springs, Maryland 20748.

For GOES-Fax users, requests for information should be sent to the NWS, Telecommunications and Dissemination Branch, 1325 East-West Highway, Suite 17444, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Paquette (GOES-Tap) at 301-763-8051, e-mail at

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established in the mid 1970's, the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) Telecommunications Access Program (GOES-Tap) has provided Weather Service Forecast Offices (WSFO) with near real-time, high quality analog environmental satellite imagery from geostationary and polar-orbiting satellites. Many other Federal Government and private weather users also access this satellite imagery via regional Satellite Field Distribution Facilities directly as GOES-Tap customers or are connected to a WSFO as a secondary GOES-Fax customer.

In support of the NWS modernization, NESDIS plans to meet new expanded NWS operational data requirements by transitioning from the analog GOES-Tap to a digital GOES data relay through a commercial satellite. This satellite point-to-multipoint broadcast is referred to as NOAAPORT and will cover the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Scheduled for full deployment near the end of the decade, NOAAPORT will provide users with real-time transmission of high resolution digital sectorized data from both GOES and other satellite platforms. Currently, NOAA is also examining additional means of digital satellite data delivery including the Internet.

NOAA plans to decommission GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax during calendar years 1997 and 1998. These planning dates could be moved up. All known GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax users will be updated on specific decommissioning dates at least 6 months prior to termination of these services. GOES-Tap and GOES-Fax customers are encouraged to begin making preparations for this transition.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

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*Assistant Administrator for Satellite and
Information Services.*

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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. 926 (P562).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Marine Mammal Research