

12974. A Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Council to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 5522b(c)(1) has been approved in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the notice is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6204, U.S. Department of Commerce, 202-482-4115.

DATES: July 1, 1996.

TIME: 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.; Closed Meeting. 3:30 P.M.–4:00 P.M.; Open Meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Secretary's Conference Room, Room 5851, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Linda Breslau, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington DC 20230. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia Prosak or Linda Breslau, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington D.C. 20230.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

Sylvia Lino Prosak,
Staff Director and Executive Secretary,
President's Export Council.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery; 1994 Survey of Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability, and summarizes the results, of a survey of the Atlantic coast striped bass fisheries for 1994. The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (Act), requires NMFS to provide information on the status of the fisheries.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the survey results are available from Paul Perra, NOAA/NMFS/FCM3, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 14837 Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Perra, (301) 713-2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Act requires the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of the Interior, to conduct a comprehensive annual survey of the Atlantic striped bass fisheries. The following is a summary of the survey for 1994. Management measures severely restricting the harvest of striped bass by commercial and recreational fisheries remained in place during 1994, as the stocks continue to rebuild.

The 1994 commercial harvest of striped bass was 1,923,000 lb (872.3 mt), an increase of 13.6 percent above the landings of 1,695,000 lb in 1993. The Chesapeake Bay area (Maryland, Virginia, and the Potomac River) accounted for 72 percent of the 1994 commercial landings.

The recreational catch in 1994 was an estimated 8.1 million striped bass, of which 591,000 were harvested (7.3 percent of the catch); the remaining 7.5 million were released alive. The estimated weight of the recreational harvest was 6.9 million lb (3,125 mt), about three and one half times that of the commercial harvest.

Juvenile production in 1994 was lower than in 1993, but remained at levels well above the long term averages for Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia. The Delaware production index of 2.3, while not higher than the long term average, was higher than any available annual index recorded prior to 1989.

Information from sampling the population of striped bass shows an increased relative abundance from recent year classes. Copies of the survey are available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: June 19, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Notice of Withdrawal of the Waimanu Valley National Estuarine Research Reserve From the National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Waimanu Valley National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) is withdrawn from the NERR System, established by

section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. The Waimanu Valley NERR, located on the windward side of the Island of Hawaii, was designated in 1978 as the second NERR in the system. Serious budget cuts within the State have hindered efforts to adequately staff the Waimanu Valley NERR and complete a site management plan, which are required by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to be in compliance with regulations governing the NERR System. In addition, the remoteness and relative inaccessibility of the Waimanu Valley NERR, and the inability of the State of Hawaii to secure adequate protection of 200 acres of property in the WVNERR due to ownership by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, renders the Waimanu Valley NERR unable to meet the research, education, and management purposes of the NERR System. After much effort to seek alternatives to withdrawal from the NERR System, both the State of Hawaii and NOAA agree that the only feasible solution at this time is to withdraw the Waimanu Valley NERR from the NERR System.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nina Garfield, NOAA/NOS/OCRM/SRD, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4 12th Floor, Silver Spring, MD. 20910; Phone (301) 713-3141, ext. 171.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420 (Coastal Zone Management) Estuarine Sanctuaries.

Dated: June 12, 1996.

David L. Evans
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P466B)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P5I).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Scott D. Kraus, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110-3309, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct scientific research on North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 25, 1996.