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Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 96-122. *Applicant:* University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0304. *Instrument:* Diamond Anvil Cells, Model Diacell. *Manufacturer:* Diacell, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 979, January 7, 1997.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) high pressure capability to 750 kbar, (2) metal membrane drive for precise control and (3) hemispherically movable diamond cups for superior alignment. A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advised on February 3, 1997 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030397A]

Advisory Panel on Atlantic Billfish Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS solicits nominations for the Atlantic billfish advisory panel (AP). The purpose of the AP will be to assist NMFS in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the amendment of the billfish management plan. The AP will include representatives from all interests in Atlantic billfish fisheries.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted on or before April 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to Rebecca Lent, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West

Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Nominations may be submitted by fax; 301-713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kelly, 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, an Advisory Panel (AP) will be established to consult with NMFS in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the amendment of the Atlantic billfish fishery management plan.

The purpose of the AP is to assist NMFS in the development of an amendment to the billfish management plan. The first action will be development of definitions (i.e., bycatch, overfishing) and other requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Procedures and Guidelines

A. Procedures for Establishing the Advisory Panel.

Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, governmental and quasi-governmental entities will be considered as members of the AP. Selection of AP members will not be limited to those that are nominated.

Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups. The nomination should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of their interest in or connection with highly migratory species (HMS) and billfish in particular;
2. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
3. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP.

B. Participants.

The AP shall consist of not less than seven (7) members who are knowledgeable about the pelagic fisheries for Atlantic HMS, particularly billfish fisheries. Nominations will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community. NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each interest must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a

group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following: a) Experience in the recreational fishing industry involved in catching billfish; b) experience in the commercial fishing industry involved in billfish bycatch; c) experience in connected industries (marinas, bait and tackle shops); d) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; e) former or current representative of a private, regional, state, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries interests dealing with billfish.

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the AP. However, we will be unable to compensate participants with monetary support of any kind, because no funds were appropriated to support this activity in fiscal year 1997. Members will be expected to pay for travel costs related to the AP.

C. Tentative Schedule.

Meetings of the AP will be held twice or thrice yearly. The initial activities include consideration of definitions of overfishing, etc., to be developed for amendments to the Billfish Management Plan. Amendments and regulations will be submitted for Secretarial review by October 11, 1998.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification to research permit 900 (P770#66).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS in Seattle, WA (CZESD) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit authorizing takes of endangered and threatened species for scientific research purposes. **DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before April 7, 1997.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Environmental and Technical Services Division, Portland.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CZESD requests a modification to a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

For the modification to permit 900 (P770#66), CZESD requests takes of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with a new study designed to determine the relative survival of juvenile salmon passing through the spillway of The Dalles Dam. The takes associated with the study is requested for a duration of three years. ESA-listed fish will be captured at Bonneville Dam, anesthetized, tagged with passive integrated transponders, transported to The Dalles Dam, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, released in front of the spillway and downstream from the dam, and electronically detected at Bonneville Dam. This request for modification to permit 900 supplements a previous request for modification 4 to permit 900 (62 FR 9178, February 28, 1997).

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

Dated: March 3, 1997.
Robert C. Ziobro,
*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Control Number: Navy Advertising Effectiveness Study (NAES); OMB Control No. 0703-0032.

Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,000 hours.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information measures advertising effectiveness and provides data for strategies to be used in advertising. This information is used by the Navy Recruiting Command to determine management decisions on objectives and strategies of advertising, media selection, and the evaluation of the advertising and recruiting process.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: March 4, 1997.
Patricia L. Toppings,
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.*
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Department of the Army

Extension of Comment Period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Proposed Projects at the Massachusetts Military Reservation, Cape Cod, MA

AGENCY: National Guard Bureau,
Department of the Army.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The public comment period for the DEIS will be extended for 30 days from the date of this announcement's publication in the Federal Register.

This 30-day extension is to provide all interested persons additional time to review and provide comments on the DEIS.

The DEIS was originally released for a 90-day public comment period from the Department of the Army in 61 FR 63832 (Monday, December 2, 1996) and the Environmental Protection Agency in 61 FR 64742 (Friday, December 6, 1996). **COPIES** Copies of the DEIS can be obtained from the EIS Project Officer at the below listed address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The EIS Project Officer, Captain Tracy Norris, Massachusetts National Guard, Unified Environmental Planning Office, Building #1204, Camp Edwards, Massachusetts 02542, telephone: (508) 968-5824.

Dated: March 3, 1997.
Raymond J. Fatz,
*Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety, and Occupational
Health) OASA (I,L&E).*
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

List of Approved "Ability-to-Benefit" Tests and Passing Scores

AGENCY: The Department of Education.
ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the passing scores for the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)—Forms 5 and 6, Level A for both the Survey Version and the Complete Battery Version; and the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)—Forms 7 and 8, Level A, for