

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 23, 1997, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the MEP and the ATP Programs may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 043097C]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad-Hoc Scoping Committee for Dungeness Crab will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 21, 1997, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing on May 22, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton - Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE. Airport Way, Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will explore the issue of whether or not the Council should

proceed with a fishery management plan for Dungeness crab. The meeting will focus on (1) Developing goals for management of the Dungeness crab fishery, (2) identifying options for Federal involvement or non-involvement, and (3) exploring the advantages and disadvantages of those options.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050297A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of Scientific Research Permit 1033, issuance of Modification 1 to Permit 944, issuance of Modification 1 to Permit 984, and notice of receipt of application for a Scientific Research Permit (P645).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 1997, NMFS issued a scientific research permit (1033) to David A. Nelson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (P496A), to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research, and issued Modification 1 to permit 944 issued by Boyd Kynard, US Geological Survey (P45P), to take listed shortnose sturgeon for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein. On May 1, 1997, NMFS issued Modification 1 to permit 984 issued to Mary L. Moser and Steve W. Ross of the University of North Carolina (P423B), to take listed shortnose sturgeon for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein. Notice is also given that Molly Lutcavage of the New England Aquarium (P645) has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles.

ADDRESSES: The applications, permits, and related documents are available for

review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250); or

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on January 22, 1997 (62 FR 3270) that an application had been filed by David A. Nelson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (P496A), to take listed Sea Turtles, as authorized by 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 217-222).

Mr. Nelson requested a five year permit to tag, track, blood sample, and relocate 200 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 40 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 20 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 1 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and 1 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtle annually. These turtles would be captured incidental to dredging activities in the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, as authorized by section 7 consultation. The turtles may receive PIT-tags, flipper-tags, and radio, satellite, or sonic tags. The research purpose is to minimize sea turtle-dredge interactions by determining sea turtle habits, abundance, and distribution in shipping channels. On April 23, 1997, NMFS issued Permit 1033 authorizing the above activities.

On April 23, 1997, NMFS issued Modification 1 to permit 944 issued to Boyd Kynard, U.S. Geological Survey, to take listed shortnose sturgeon, as authorized by 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 217-222).

Dr. Kynard is authorized under Permit 944 to examine, tag, and tissue sample adult shortnose sturgeon captured in the Connecticut, Merrimack and Hudson Rivers. The original permit authorized the collection of 20 tissue samples annually from adult shortnose sturgeon for contaminant analysis. Modification 1 to Permit 944 authorizes Dr. Kynard to collect an additional 130 tissue samples from adult shortnose sturgeon annually in an effort to identify the energetic levels of fall migratory fish, spring migratory fish, spawners, and overwintering fish.

Notice was published on March 21, 1997 (62 FR 13601) that a request had been filed by Mary L. Moser and Steve W. Ross (P423B), to modify scientific research permit 984, to take listed shortnose sturgeon, as authorized by 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 217-222).

Drs. Moser and Ross are authorized under Permit 984 to weigh, measure, photograph, tag and tissue sample adult shortnose sturgeon in North Carolina Rivers. Modification 1, issued by NMFS on May 1, 1997, extends Permit 984 until December 31, 2000, removes authorization to conduct research in the Alligator and Chowan Rivers, and authorizes research in the Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers.

On April 29, 1997, Molly Lutcavage of the New England Aquarium submitted an application (P645) for a scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles. Dr. Lutcavage has requested a one year permit to satellite tag eight (8) listed leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) turtles captured incidental in commercial fisheries to determine vulnerability of leatherbacks to incidental capture by pelagic longline fisheries; to relate specific travel routes of leatherback turtles equipped with satellite transmitters to fishing activities and oceanographic features; to assist pelagic fishermen in the development of fishing techniques that reduce interactions with leatherback turtles; and to develop safe handling procedures and satellite attachment techniques.

Issuance of these permits/modifications, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits/modifications, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs American Forces Information Service.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3505(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, American Forces Information Service, announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the American Forces Information Service (Richard Oleszewski), 601 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request more information on this proposed collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call the Print Media Directorate at (703) 428-0629.

Title: Stars and Stripes Audience Survey.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirements is necessary to evaluate current Stars and Stripes newspaper policies and practices, and provide information on demographics and consumer habits of Stars and Stripes readers for use in marketing initiatives.

Affected Public: Department of Defense civilian employees and their families living in the European and Pacific theaters served by the Stars and Stripes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,200.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Responses per Respondents: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 24 minutes.

Frequency: Triennially.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are Department of Defense civilian employees and their families living in areas served by the Stars and Stripes newspapers. As the last similar survey was conducted in 1990, no current information exists on the Stars and Stripes readership. In order to serve effectively its audience the Stars and Stripes needs current information on reader demographics, preferences, opinions and purchasing habits. This information will assist in evaluating current policies and practices, provide guidance on potential changes in current activities, and guide future activities in the areas of circulation and advertising.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of the Board of Visitors, Marine Corps University

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board of Visitors, Marine Corps University has been established pursuant to Section 7102, Title 10 U.S.C., and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The Board provides advice and recommendations to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Secretary of the Navy on the broad framework of institutional policies needed to enable the University to meet all requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, to include: Academic and administrative policies; curriculum; the University's Professional Military Education program; and, the sustaining of high academic standards and cost effective operations.

The Board will be composed of approximately 15 members from the field of education, from both the private sector and government. Efforts will be made to ensure that there is a fairly balanced membership in terms of the