

clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 14, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051297B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 2-day public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, May 29, 1997, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the King's Grant Inn, Route 128 and Trask Lane, Danvers, MA. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone: (617) 231-0422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (617) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

May 28, 1997

The May 28 session will begin with reports from the Council's oversight committees. The Interspecies Committee will discuss coordinating vessel replacement and upgrading measures with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and protocols for opening areas now closed to most fishing activities.

Representatives from Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans will present an overview of their management measures for Georges Bank and reopening of the Atlantic Canada cod fisheries. The Council's Herring Committee will review the status of the resource, management issues, and research recommendations, in addition to identifying scoping issues associated with the development of a fishery management plan for herring. The Responsible Fishing Committee will recommend a code of conduct for New England fishermen and discuss licensing for all fishermen. The Monkfish Committee will brief the Council on its efforts to develop management measures for inclusion in an amendment to the Multispecies FMP.

May 29, 1997

The May 29 session will begin with the Council's Groundfish Committee's proposed actions on two framework adjustments to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. Initial action concerning the bag limit for recreational anglers under the framework for abbreviated rulemaking procedure contained in 50 CFR 648.82 will be considered. The action would make rules for bag limits consistent for all recreational fishermen. The Groundfish Committee also intends to propose final action on a framework adjustment to the Multispecies FMP that would exempt gillnet vessels in the trip boat category from bringing their monkfish gillnets to port when fishing under a days-at-sea allocation. The Groundfish Committee also will discuss issues associated with implementation of a cod trip limit. A report from the Scallop Committee will follow. There will be a presentation on the effectiveness of the sea scallop management program, a report on the development of a fishing effort consolidation program and discussion of reopening the Georges Bank closed areas to scalloping. The Large Pelagics Committee will report on the recent NMFS Shark Operations Team meeting. The Habitat Committee will provide an update on the development of Council comments on the Essential Fish Habitat proposed rule concerning requirements for fishery management plans. The Gear Conflict Committee will brief the Council on several problems in the Gulf of Maine. The Council meeting will conclude with reports from the Council Chairman; Executive Director; Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS; representatives from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, U.S. Coast Guard and the Mid-Atlantic Council.

Announcement of an Experimental Fishery Application

There will be a discussion and opportunity to comment on a proposal for an experimental fishery to be conducted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to evaluate the selectivity and efficiency of 6-inch (15.24-cm) mesh scallop trawls.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 15, 1997.

Bruce 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. 050697A]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 850-1342 (File No. 850-1342)

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ms. Lucy W. Keith, Boston University Marine Program, Broderick House/MBL, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543, has been issued a permit to "take" by Level A and Level B harassment, Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4016); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 20, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 13367) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to "take" Hawaiian monk seals for purposes of scientific research. The research will be conducted over a 1-year period and will involve the capture, physical restraint, radio tagging, monitoring, and possible recapture (for tag removal) of immature Hawaiian monk seals of either gender, as well as the inadvertent harassment of additional seals of any age and gender during the course of the research activities. The objective of the research is to describe haul-out patterns of juvenile Hawaiian monk seals at Midway Islands. An evaluation will be made of the possible impacts of human disturbance on the seals. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 8, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050697B]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 782-1349.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Howard W. Braham, Director, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska

Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, Washington 98115-0070, is hereby authorized to take Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 25, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 14115) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to capture, tag, release, and unintentionally harass Dall's porpoise for the purpose of scientific research in Washington and Oregon waters, over a 5-year period. The requested permit has been issued under the authority 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).

Dated: May 8, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, May 29, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Part Open to the Public; Part Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open to the Public

1. *CPSC Vice Chairman*

The Commission will elect a Vice Chairman.

Closed to the Public

2. *Compliance Status Report*

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

DATE: May 19, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 1997. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting which is open to the public and scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. in the West Dining Room of the Eddy Farm Hotel, Eddy Farm Road, Sparrow Bush, New York.

In addition to the subjects listed below which are scheduled for public hearing at the business meeting, the Commission will address the following matters: Minutes of the April 30, 1997 business meeting; announcements; General Counsel's report; report on Basin hydrologic conditions; a resolution concerning a New Jersey grant agreement to determine the impact of aquatic vegetation on the water quality of the Delaware Estuary; and public dialogue.

The subjects of the hearing will be as follows:

Applications for Approval of the Following Projects Pursuant to Article 10.3, Article 11 and/or Section 3.8 of the Compact

1. *Hazleton City Authority D-91-65 CP RENEWAL.* An application for the renewal of a ground water withdrawal project with no increase and to continue supplying up to 3.6 million gallons (mg)/30 days of water to the applicant's Drifton-Buck Mountain distribution system located outside the Delaware River Basin, from Buck Mountain Well No. 1. Commission approval on January 22, 1992 was limited to five years. The project is located in Lausanne Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

2. *East Stroudsburg Area School District D-96-56 CP.* A project to