

developed. They may consider options for developing an area management system, or for developing a sector allocation system. The committee and advisors also may organize into subcommittees that will be tasked to develop specific management options for consideration by the full committee. These tasks will be based on broad approaches to management selected by the committee. The subcommittees may meet individually during the meeting to begin work on these management options. The discussions at the subcommittee level will be reported back to the committee at this meeting or at future meetings.

Monday May 15, 2000, 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday, May 16, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route One, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The committee will review the 2000 Habitat Annual Review Report and develop recommendations for consideration by the Council. There also will be discussions about upcoming amendments to the Sea Scallop and Groundfish FMPs.

Monday, May 22, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—Joint Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route One, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The committee and advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. If not completed at earlier meetings, they will continue their review of current overfishing definitions and control rules for the multispecies complex, examine the assumptions and policy decisions in those rules, and develop recommendations for the biological goals of the amendment. They also will review existing management measures and possibly develop alternatives. They may consider options for developing an area management system, or for developing a sector allocation management system. The committee and advisors may also organize into subcommittees that will be reported back to the Groundfish Committee at this meeting or at future meetings.

Tuesday, May 23, 2000 at 8:30 a.m.—Joint Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route One, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The panel and committees will discuss Amendment 10 to the Scallop

FMP. Amendment 10 considers new area rotation systems to improve scallop yield, changes to the FMP annual review process and timing, modifications to the crew size limit, and possible scallop trawl gear modifications to improve size selection. The purpose of this meeting will be to evaluate draft Amendment 10 alternatives, identify potential impacts, and recommend modifications to these conceptual alternatives so that they are recognized and managed. There is a possibility that these issues will not be fully developed for discussion, in which case the Groundfish Committee and Advisors will continue their discussion of Amendment 13 alternatives and the Scallop Oversight Committee meeting will be cancelled. If this occurs, the Council will notify interested parties through a notice mailing.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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 dates.

Dated: April 17, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040300B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 738-1454-03

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 738-1454 issued to Ms.

Carole Conway, Genomic Variation Laboratory, Department of Animal Science, Meyer Hall, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-3322, was amended to allow import and export of blue whale samples from/to Mexico and other locations [worldwide] where the species is found.

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

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson (301/713-2289).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment 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 of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered and threatened marine species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

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: April 14, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army

Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare a Environmental Impact Statement for the Lower Guadalupe River Flood Protection Project, San Jose and Santa Clara, CA

AGENCY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.
