

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, October 2, 2000, through Monday, October 9, 2000. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Centennial Building, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK, unless otherwise noticed at the Centennial Building and on the Council's website: www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, October 2, and continue through Thursday, October 5. The Scientific Committee will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, October 2, and continue through Wednesday, October 4. The Council will begin their plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, continuing through Monday, October 9. All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions which may be held during the week to discuss litigation and/or personnel matters.

Council: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports:
 - (a) Executive Director's Report.
 - (b) State Fisheries Report by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.
 - (c) NMFS Management Report.
 - (d) Enforcement and Surveillance reports by NMFS and the Coast Guard.
2. Pacific cod/Steller sea lion interactions: Review and take final action on amendment package.
3. American Fisheries Act:
 - (a) Update on the Environmental Impact Statement and rulemaking.
 - (b) Final action on groundfish processing sideboards and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) pollock processing excessive share caps.
 - (c) Report from industry on Pacific cod sideboard issues.
4. Halibut subsistence regulations: final action on alternatives.
5. Halibut Charter Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program:
 - (a) Preliminary review of draft analysis and progress report.
 - (b) Discussion of Gulf of Alaska Coastal Community Coalitions proposals with regard to halibut IFQs for communities.

6. Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program:

(a) Initial review of an amendment package to conform State of Alaska and Federal regulations.

(b) Review State of Alaska recommendations for CDQ allocations for 2001.

7. Groundfish Management:

(a) Recommend interim and preliminary harvest specifications for 2001 BSAI and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish fisheries.

(b) Initial review of an amendment to allocate BSAI Pacific cod among pot gear sectors.

(c) Progress report on rationalization of the GOA groundfish fisheries.

8. Crab Management:

(a) Review of Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation reports for BSAI king and Tanner crab.

(b) Progress report on crab co-op development and buyback program.

9. Staff Tasking: Review progress on current staff tasking and provide direction to staff.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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.

Advisory Meetings

Advisory Panel: The agenda for the Advisory Panel will mirror that of the Council listed above, with the exception of the reports under Item 1.

Scientific and Statistical Committee: The Scientific and Statistical Committee will address the following items on the Council agenda:

1. Steller sea lion/Pacific cod interactions.
2. Halibut Charter IFQ Program.
3. CDQ Program
4. All issues under Groundfish Management.
5. All issues under Crab Management.

Other Committee/Workgroup & Industry Meetings

During the meeting week, the following groups will hold meetings to discuss various agenda issues of interest:

Crab Cooperative Industry Meeting: Thursday, September 7, 2000, 6:30 p.m.
Council/Alaska Board of Fisheries Joint Committee: Thursday, September

7, 2000, at 1 p.m. (Agenda will be posted on Council website: www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc)

Other committees and workgroups may hold impromptu meetings throughout the meeting week. Such meetings will be announced during regularly-scheduled meetings of the Council, Advisory Panel, and SSC, and will be posted at the hotel.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

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. 081700E]

Marine Mammals; File No. 914-1470-01

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Southern Mississippi, Department of Biological Sciences, USM Box 5018, Hattiesburg, MS 39401 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Bobby L. Middlebrooks), has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 914-1470 to import elephant seal samples from Argentina.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Simona Roberts, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 11, 2000, notice was published in the

Federal Register (65 FR 42676) that an amendment of Permit No. 914-1470, issued November 12, 1998 (63 FR 64066), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted 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: September 12, 2000.

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

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Marine Mammals; File No. P368D

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. James T. Harvey, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing, CA 95039-0450 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 938.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7221).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Simona Roberts or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 7, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 48221) that an amendment of Permit No. 938, issued February 2, 1995 (60 FR 7753), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted 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).

Permit No. 938 authorizes the permit holder to take various species of marine mammals of the suborders Mysticeti, Odontoceti, Pinnipedia, and southern sea otter of the California coast annually during: aerial and vessel surveys, behavioral observations, photographic identification, and VHF and TDR tagging. With this amendment, the permit holder is now authorized to place implantable VHF and TDR tags on up to eight killer whales in southeast Alaska.

Dated: September 12, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of Novel Ceramic Ferroelectric Materials Patents for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Non-exclusive Licenses (Manufacturing Only)

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army re-announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive or non-exclusive licenses (manufacturing only) relative to U.S. Patent No. 5,486,491, issued 23 Jan 1996, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO-ZRO2", U.S. Patent No. 5,312,790, issued 17 May 1994, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Material", and U.S. Patent No. 5,427,988, issued 27 Jun 1995, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO-MGO". Licenses shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg. 459, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 17, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.