

remainder of the year. The following specific items comprise the draft agenda, (1) complete and/or review rebuilding plans for overfished groundfish stocks, (2) recommend processes and standards for incorporating rebuilding plans into the Pacific Coast Groundfish fishery management plan (FMP), (3) resolve any outstanding catch estimation data issues and evaluate the need for inseason management adjustments, (4) consider recommendations for Exempted Fishing Permit processes and standards, (5) evaluate Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements, (6) consider recommendations for FMP Amendment 17 and multi-year management issues, (7) review the Groundfish Strategic Plan, (8) work on Volume 2 of the 2002 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document, (9) consider a fixed gear sablefish permit stacking recommendation, (10) consider recommendations for 2003 stock assessment priorities and the STAR process, and (11) other miscellaneous Council groundfish issues.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Availability and Effective Date of the Final Revised Management Plan for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSO), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability and Effective Date of Final Revised Management Plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary was Congressionally designated by the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Act (HIHWNMSA) on November 4, 1992 (Subtitle C of Public Law 102-587, the Oceans Act of 1992). On Friday, March 28 1997, the final regulations were published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 14799), and became effective on June 2, 1997.

Section 304(e) of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act requires that sanctuary management plans be reviewed and potentially revised every five years. At the time of designation NOAA made a commitment to the state of Hawaii that five years after the management plan and regulations became effective, NOAA, in consultation with the State of Hawaii, would evaluate the progress made toward implementing the management plan, regulations, and goals for the Sanctuary. NOAA also agreed that after the evaluation was complete, NOAA would then re-submit the management plan and regulations in their entirety, as far as they affect State waters, to the Governor for his concurrence.

The review process was composed of four major stages: information collection and characterization; preparation and release of a draft revised management plan; public review and comment; and preparation and release of a final revised management plan. A draft revised management plan and draft environmental assessment were made available for public review on March 19, 2002 (67 FR 12525). Seven public meetings were held throughout the State of Hawaii to collect information and comments from individuals, organizations, and government agencies on the scope, types, and significance of issues related the Sanctuary's draft revised management plan. Written

comments were also received throughout the public comment period which ended on May 24, 2002.

A final revised management plan and final environmental assessment were prepared in response to input received from the Sanctuary Advisory Council and comments received during the public review phase. The final revised management plan does not contain any regulatory or boundary changes.

**DATES:** The final revised management plan was submitted to the Governor of Hawaii on August 2, 2002. The Governor concurred with the final revised management plan on September 6, 2002. This notice confirms the effective date of the new management plan as September 9, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the final revised management plan and its supporting environmental assessment may be obtained by contacting Naomi McIntosh, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 104, Honolulu, HI 96825 or on the Internet at <http://www.hihwnms.nos.noaa.gov>.

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**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 981-1578-03

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Peter L. Tyack, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 981-1578-02.

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